



**Parliament of Romania
Senate**

Bucharest, 24th October 2016

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**OPINION
of the ROMANIAN SENATE
on the**

**Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE
COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 of the European Parliament and of the
Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace
COM (2016) 447 final**

The Senate of Romania has examined this proposal according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2). Taking into account the report of the Committee on European Affairs, the Plenum of the Senate, during its session on 24 October 2016, has appreciated that the Communication is fully in compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. Meanwhile the Senate urged for a special attention to the cooperation with partners in the field of security and defence, namely for the support the Union can give to its partners.

The Senate recommended it is necessary to:

1. Give an inclusive and balanced approach, from a geographically point of view, by taking into account both the Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods' situation. In this context, the support should be adopted to specific needs of the partners' countries from both regions.
2. Take into consideration similar assistance instruments in the field of defence offered by the international organizations to their partners, as for example the Defence Capacity Building developed by NATO.

Moreover, the Romanian Senate was of the opinion that complementarity is extremely important, in order to avoid duplication and allow in a more efficiently manner the use of resources available to both organizations.

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