

**PARLIAMENT OF ROMANIA**

**CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES**

**DECISION**

**approving the opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on further measures to enhance transparency and the fight against tax evasion and avoidance (COM(2016)451)**

Pursuant to Articles 67 and 148 of the Romanian Constitution, republished, Law No 373/2013 on cooperation between Parliament and the Government in the area of European affairs, and Articles 160 to 185 of the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies, republished,

The Chamber of Deputies hereby adopts this Decision.

**Sole Article.** - Having regard to Opinion No 4c-19/1094 adopted by the Committee for European Affairs at its meeting of 27 September 2016, **the Chamber of Deputies:**

1. notes that the proposal sets out a number of measures to improve the fight against terrorist financing and to ensure greater transparency of financial transactions;
2. notes that the improvement of the current preventive framework is motivated by the need to keep pace with the new trends in the technology used by alternative financial systems, which remain outside the scope of EU law or which are exempt from applying it;
3. considers aggressive tax planning to be a cross-border problem that requires an appropriate solution at both EU and global level;
4. acknowledges that many of the measures envisaged to eradicate tax fraud should be limited to activities that support corruption, money laundering and tax evasion, but takes the view that there are still gaps in the EU and international tax framework that need to be closed in order to be able to prevent cross-border tax abuse and illicit financial activities;
5. supports the Commission's initiative to adopt, for the first time, a list of high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies in their arrangements for combating money laundering and terrorism financing;
6. agrees that allowing tax authorities to access enhanced national beneficial ownership information will improve their ability to target tax evasion and avoidance, but believes that additional measures are needed to ensure that the transparency of operations becomes immediately applicable at cross-border level;
7. notes that, following the media revelations about the role of intermediaries in aggressive tax planning, the Commission is trying to find the best way to increase oversight of enablers and promoters of tax evasion and to apply effective measures against them;
8. supports in principle the Commission's objective of protecting whistle-blowers against retaliation and assessing, in parallel, the scope for further EU action in this area;
9. believes that the measures proposed in the Communication can bring a significant contribution to preventing unlawful mechanisms by allowing the EU, through firm action, to keep its global position in terms of good governance in tax matters.

*This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies at its sitting of 4 October 2016, in compliance with Article 76(2) of the Romanian Constitution, republished.*

President of the Chamber of Deputies  
Florin Iordache