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OPINION OF THE ROMANIAN SENATE

regarding the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council – Making the most of NIS – towards the effective implementation of Directive (EU) 2016/1148 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union –

COM (2017) 476 final

Romanian Senate has examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council – Making the most of NIS – towards the effective implementation of Directive (EU) 2016/1148 concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union – COM (2017) 476 final under the Protocol (no. 1) annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community signed in Lisbon on 13 December 2007.

Considering the European Affairs Committee of January 31, 2018, Plenum of the Senate found that:

1. It welcomed the Commission's initiative to provide information, guidelines and recommendations relevant to the transposition of Directive NIS and considers that this approach will help increase the security of networks and information systems and, therefore, users in the digital market;

2) Note that:

- a) CERT-RO represents Romania in the Cooperation Group (set up under the NIS Directive and composed of representatives of the Member States, the Commission and ENISA), thus benefiting from the European best practices on implementing the Directive;
- b) Romania makes sustained efforts to increase the level of cyber security and to transpose the European Union's requirements in this area of security;
- 3. It emphasizes the importance of capitalizing on Romania the opportunity offered by the transposition of this Directive to review its National Cyber Security Strategy, in the light of the shortcomings, good practices and new challenges addressed in the annex to this Communication, that the national strategy was adopted three years before the NIS Directive;

4. We draw attention to the prompt approval and promotion of the Draft Law on ensuring a high common level of security of the networks and information systems that ensure the transposition of the provisions of the Directive into the national legislation, given the final transposition deadline of May 9, 2018.

p. Speaker of the Senate

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