



Parlamentul României Senat

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OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Defining the position of the Commission following the European Parliament resolution of 22 October 2020 on obligations of the Commission in the field of visa reciprocity and reporting on the state of play COM(2020) 851 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, Defining the position of the Commission following the European Parliament resolution of 22 October 2020 on obligations of the Commission in the field of visa reciprocity and reporting on the state of play - COM(2020) 851 final – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol (no. 1).

Taking into account the report of Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of May 4, 2021,

(1) Emphasizes

- a) the importance of a fair and non-discriminatory treatment considering the principle of full visa reciprocity between the EU and the US. Full visa reciprocity is a common objective, fully shared by Romania, as a Member State of the EU with a strengthened Strategic Partnership with the United States.
- b) the need to constructively continue the pragmatic process of political, diplomatic and technical dialogue with the US side, which is the best guarantee for achieving the expected results and which ensures the strengthening of the transatlantic partnership.

(2) Appreciates

- a) the involvement and efforts of the European institutions to solve the non-reciprocity case with the United States.
- b) the European Commission's priority engagement to remain committed to achieving full visa reciprocity for all Member States.
- c) the active support given to the four Member States of the European Union, which showed progress in order to achieve their entry into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program.