

ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

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DECISION

to adopt the Opinion on the

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

2023 Communication on EU Enlargement Policy

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Under the provisions of Article 67 and Article 148 of the Constitution of Romania, republished, of Law No 373/2013 on the cooperation between the Parliament and the Government in the field of European Affairs, and of Articles 164-189 of the Regulation of the Chamber of Deputies, approved by the Decision of the Chamber of Deputies No 8/1994, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions,

The Chamber of Deputies adopts this Decision.

Sole article. – Having regard to the Opinion No 4c-22/212 adopted by the Committee on European Affairs during its meeting on April 2nd, 2024, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. Supports the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Communication on EU Enlargement Policy.

2. Recommends increasing the support given to Georgia in order to fulfil the measures that condition the achievement of candidate country status and expresses its willingness to actively assist in the formulation of the necessary legislation.

3. Recommends increasing the European Union's support to the Republic of Moldova in order to identify new measures to combat money laundering and links with organized crime, thereby contributing to the elimination of the influence of oligarchs.

4. Proposes to include preparation for access to advanced space-related techniques, such as remote sensing and satellite geographical positioning, in Union strategies to support regional integration and cooperation in the Western Balkans.

5. Recommends supporting candidate countries in establishing a legal and economic framework capable of supporting enterprises to quickly acquire the capacity to resist competition in the single market.

6. Proposes the diversification and strengthening European Union's trade ties with Ukraine and Republic of Moldova, in order to contribute to the economic stability of the region, to accelerate the connection to the single market and to combat the aftermath of the war launched by the Russian Federation.

7. Recommends stepping up dialogue with candidate countries in order to provide them with the experience and legal instruments necessary to combat disinformation campaigns and cyber-attacks.

8. Proposes stepping up the diplomatic dialogue with Türkiye, strengthening the economic relations and cooperation with civil society organisations in order to bring Türkiye closer to European values, in line with its statements that its accession to the European Union continues to be a strategic objective.

9. Recommends the establishment of a permanent informal mechanism, at legislative and executive level, to support the state and local authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to counter attempts at external destabilization, promote constructive internal dialogue, long-term reconciliation and good understanding, overcome the legacy of the past and resolve disputes arising from the conflicts of the 1990s in the Western Balkans.

10. Recommends making extensive use of the experience of the Eastern European Member States to support the accession of candidate countries.

11. Considers that membership to be a strategic option, which requires consistent ownership and promotion of European values as a whole, including through alignment with the Common Foreign and Security Policy, in the current geopolitical context and in view of the risk of developments threatening global peace and order.

12. Stresses that it supported and actively supports the recommendations of the European Commission to open accession negotiations with Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, in recognition of the particular efforts made by the authorities of the two states in the reform process, all the more remarkable given that they were achieved under extremely difficult conditions resulted from Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

13. Considers that is necessary to accelerate internal reforms, in particular those aimed at the rule of law, in order to move the accession process forward as quickly as possible and for states to benefit as much as possible from the support of the European Union.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies during its session on April 9^{th} , 2024, in compliance with the provisions of Article 76(2) of the Constitution of Romania, republished.

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