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Le President

Dear
Președintele României Klaus Iohannis
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Lucca, 2018 June 6th

Dear President Iohannis,

Rule of Law in Romania

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Federation of European Bars, which represents more than 250 Bar associations in the member states of the Council of Europe, representing around one million lawyers.

We note with concern the recent public developments on amending the laws of justice, which seriously jeopardize the independence of the judiciary and the course of the Romanian state within the European Union and the Council of Europe.

We note the report of the Council of Europe's anti-corruption body, GRECO (Group of States against Corruption).

We note the decision of the Constitutional Court on 30 May that the Chief Prosecutor, for the Anti-Corruption Directorate (DNA), Laura Codruta Kovesi, be dismissed. Such a dismissal by you in your role of President would undermine the independence of the justice system, the DNA and the prosecution, and threaten the rule of law.

We call upon the Romanian Justice Minister and the Romanian Government to recognize the report of GRECO, and to ensure that attacks on public officials, judges, prosecutors and lawyers who work to uphold the rule of law, particular in anti-corruption cases cease and that the Anti-Corruption Directorate personnel are respected and protected.

We understand that the overwhelming majority of Romanian judges and prosecutors do not accept the draft laws on the activity of the judiciary, and that more than 900 magistrates have signed a resolution on the rule of law. We call upon the Justice Minister and the Government to respect and recognize the opinion of the judges and prosecutors and to uphold the independence of the justice system.

Yours sincerely,

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