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Press release

Transparency International Romania takes act of the conclusions of the European Commission Monitoring Report, presented today by the President Jose Manuel Barroso, and considers that postponing the activation of safeguard clause in the justice field, despite the severe Report's tone, justifies the maintenance of the pressure on Romania to fulfill its assumed engagements.

Transparency International Romania appreciates that establishing a measure plan for the conditionality fulfillment by the Romanian Government and its monitoring by the commission, until the next year's half/middle – an important moment both at a national and a European level – are viable instruments for encouraging progresses in the justice reformation and in the fight against corruption field.

In order to assure the efficiency of this mechanism, TI-Romania underlines the necessity For the Government to elaborate a realistic and coherent plan. In order to have a correct image of the registered progresses, TI-Romania recommends focusing the monitoring on impact indicators and on the evaluation of the real results of the measure plan, taking into account that the legislative evolutions from the country were not always followed by an appropriate application.

Consequential to its mission, TI-Romania draws attention upon the importance of continuing the sustained rhythm of the reforms and solicits to the officials from Bucharest to make proof of consistence in assuring the rule of law, the supremacy of law, and of the law against corruption. In its member quality, Romania must demonstrate that the progresses in the fight against corruption are not conditioned by the international monitoring, but representing a autonomous act of national will