
Press release

Transparency International Romania expresses its satisfaction with the adoption in the Senate of the law regarding the establishment of the National Agency for Integrity, although it considers the measure as being undue and adopted under the activation's of the safeguard clause pressure.

Consequently to its mission, TI-Romania understood to put to the Ministry's of Justice disposal its expertise in the field, no matter the political orientation of the officials holding this portfolio. In this sense, it brought a contribution to the editing of the first draft law in the summer of 2004, which stipulated the organization of such an agency of prevention and anticorruption control. In September of the same year, the project was being adopted by the Chamber of Deputies and sent to the Senate. During 2005, 2006, and 2007, TI-Romania continued to offer to the Ministry of Justice its technical support in editing a draft law concerning the National Agency for Integrity. a

TI-Romania expresses its satisfaction with the adoption of this law that represented an important advocacy project of the organization and salutes the whole political parties' gesture of unanimously adopting the law.

TI-Romania appreciates the form adopted by the Senate as correspondent/according to the basis principles of an anticorruption public policy that can be correctly and efficiently implemented through the National Agency for Integrity. These principles were elaborated and promoted by TI-Romania in 2006, following the multiple modifications brought to this law. TI-Romania expresses its hope that the adoption of the law is not just of a political importance/punt, but a real engagement in preventing and fighting against corruption.

Taking into account the possibility of the safeguard clause activation, TI-Romania draws the attention that adopting the law concerning the National Agency for Integrity is not a total fulfillment of the assumed engagement. In this sense, TI-Romania solicits to the officials from Bucharest to continue the efforts for effectively establishing the Agency, by respecting the highest standards.