
Press Release

Transparency International Romania expresses its deep concern regarding the recently adopted Governmental decision through which it is eliminated the obligation of the persons making donations for the financing of the political parties and of the political campaigns to present other documents annexed to the donation form, as it results from the Government's press release from yesterday, 1 April 2008.

Transparency International Romania appreciates that this decision makes vulnerable the capacity of the control mechanisms to identify those situations in which the legal disposals regarding the persons' possibility to make donations to political parties were trespassed, encouraging in this way the financing of the campaign actions directed to obtain personal benefits.

The decision adopted in a pre-campaign context favors the financings that are not transparent and that do not respect the legal norms, increasing in this way the vulnerability to corruption of the future elected.

Also, Transparency International Romania draws attention that the effects of the new regulations will also reverberate to the engagements assumed in front of the European Union, respectively the creation of an efficient mechanism of controlling the wealth and the implementation of the communitarian acquis regarding the monitoring of the persons exposed politically.

The elimination of the annexes will lead to the impossibility to verify the situations in which, categories of persons stipulated in the law as not giving the possibility to donate to the political parties, as that having debts to the state budget, still make donations. It will thus create the appearance of unknowing the donors situation by any of the parties involved in the electing campaign, and, implicitly the premises for according some private benefits, as the erase of the debts, will be constituted.

Transparency International Romania requests in this context to the Romanian Government to identify viable solutions to obviate the signalized risks.