
Press release

The students sustained today the final test of the Bacalaureat exam from the July 2008 session. In this context, Transparency International Romania appreciates that the corruption and fraud accusations brought to the manner in which this year's exam was held are extremely severe and that they can indicate the fact that in the education system there were not any real demarches in limiting them and in fighting corruption, as long as similar situation perpetuate from a year to the other.

Transparency International Romania draws attention upon the fact that the professors that took part in the evaluating or in the surveillance processes and denounced the eventual frauds are whistleblowers and they enjoy the good-faith presumption and the protection offered by the Law no. 571/2004.

Taking into account the denounces regarding the fraud existence along the exam, formulated both by the professors and the students participants to it, Transparency International Romania solicits to the Ministry of Education and to the other public authorities to immediately initiate relevant investigations of the perpetrated facts and of the possible culpable persons. Also, Transparency International Romania requires the Public Minister to to open investigations into the potential corruption facts.

Only on the basis of this investigations, the legal courts, the only authorized in pronouncing in these causes, will be able to establish whether in the Bacalaureat exam the fraud existed or not, and to pronounce over the guiltiness of the responsible persons.

Transparency International Romania also requires that, after finalizing these processes, the Ministry of Education to make public the results of the administrative investigations, as well as the adopted measures for preventing the recurrence of similar situation in the future Bacalaureat sessions or in other exams' organization.