

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

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Dear Prime Minister,

Let me first congratulate you on the free and fair conduct of the recent Romanian parliamentary elections and on their results.

As you know, on 6 July 2012 I asked the Council of Europe's Venice Commission for an opinion on the compatibility with constitutional principles and the rule of law of the actions of the Government and Parliament taken in Romania last July in respect of other State institutions.

This opinion, which also covers your own request concerning the emergency ordinances on the functioning of the Constitutional Court and the Organisation of a referendum, was adopted on 14 December.

I am convinced that this opinion has the potential to contribute to the planned electoral, constitutional and legislative reforms that aim to further strengthen the democratic system of Romania.

I am committed to continue the dialogue with you and your Government on the ways of implementing the recommendations contained in the opinion and on other issues of interest to your country. I am looking forward to meeting you in the near future and to discussing concrete modalities of our co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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