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REVISED EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER

REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

8th report on the implementation of
the Revised European Social Charter

submitted by

THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA

(for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2007:
Articles 13§1)

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Bucharest, 26 June 2009

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer your letter dated 25 May concerning the question on Article 13 & 1 addressed by the European Committee for Social Rights, as follows:

Starting with the year 2000, Romania calculates a set of indicators on social inclusion, among which we can mention:

- Relative poverty rate (split on gender, age, residence area, structure of households, regions etc.);
- The available median income per adult equivalised;
- The poverty threshold at 50%, respectively 60% from the available median income per adult equivalised.

Such indicators calculated are sent every year by the National Institute for Statistics in Romania to the European Commission, given the fact that the methodology for calculation is the one which ensures the compatibility of data with other EU Member States.

As your letter mentioned that starting with 2003 EUROSTAT did not provide data on poverty threshold in Romania, we hereby enclose a table containing these figures.

Yours sincerely,

Magda FILIP
Director

SOCIAL INCLUSION INDICATORS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Relative poverty rate	17.1	17	18.1	17.3	17.9	18.2	18.6	18.5
Median of income available per adult equivalised (RON)								
1 person	120.07	173.87	231.15	289.93	376.67	438.68	499.45	597.47
1 adult with 1 child	156.10	226.03	300.48	376.90	489.67	570.28	649.28	776.70
1 adult with 2 children	192.12	278.20	369.83	463.88	602.67	701.88	799.12	955.95
2 adults	180.10	260.80	346.72	434.90	565.00	658.02	749.18	896.20
2 adults with 1 child	216.13	312.97	416.07	521.87	678.00	789.62	899.02	1075.43
2 adults with 2 children	252.15	365.13	485.40	608.85	791.00	921.22	1048.85	1254.68
The level of poverty threshold at 60% from the median of income available per adult equivalised (RON) *								
1 person	72.04	104.32	138.69	173.96	226.00	263.21	299.67	358.48
1 adult with 1 child	93.66	135.62	180.29	226.14	293.80	342.17	389.57	466.02
1 adult with 2 children	115.27	166.92	221.90	278.33	361.60	421.13	479.47	573.57
2 adults	408.06	156.48	208.03	260.94	339.00	394.81	449.51	537.72
2 adults with 1 child	129.68	187.78	249.64	313.12	406.80	473.77	539.41	645.26
2 adults with 2 children	151.29	219.08	291.24	365.31	474.60	552.73	629.31	752.81
The level of poverty threshold at 50% from the median of income available per adult equivalised (RON)								
1 person	60.03	86.93	115.58	144.97	188.33	219.34	249.73	298.73
1 adult with 1 child	78.05	113.02	150.24	188.45	244.83	285.14	324.64	388.35
1 adult with 2 children	96.06	139.10	184.92	231.94	301.33	350.94	399.56	477.98
2 adults	90.05	130.40	173.36	217.45	282.50	329.01	374.59	448.10
2 adults with 1 child	108.07	156.48	208.03	260.93	339.00	394.81	449.51	537.72
2 adults with 2 children	126.08	182.57	242.70	304.43	395.50	460.61	524.43	627.34

Source: The National Institute for Statistics

* Indicator calculated in UE

APPENDIX

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Madam

The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the 8th Romanian report on the European Social Charter and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed question concerning Article 13§1.

The Committee would be grateful if you could reply to this question before 27 June 2009 in order to allow the information to be taken into account in Conclusions 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS
COMITÉ EUROPÉEN DES DROITS SOCIAUX



Question in respect of the 8th report of Romania

Article 13§1:

In its assessment of the adequacy of social assistance the Committee takes into account the poverty threshold in the country, which is set at 50% of the median equivalised income (Eurostat). The Committee has observed in its previous conclusion on Article 13§1 (Conclusions XVIII-1, Romania) that this indicator stood at € 32,10 in 2003. However, it has now noted that Eurostat no longer provides such statistics. The Committee asks whether there are any specific reasons for this.

In the absence of the Eurostat poverty threshold, the Committee asks whether a comparable value is available at national level– e.g. the monetary cost of the household basket containing the minimum quantity of food and non-food items which is necessary for the individual to maintain a decent living standard and be in good health.