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Dear Mr. President,

As Prime Minister of the Romanian Government, I have a high responsibility to protect and promote Romania as a democratic state, based on the separation of powers and on the independence of the judiciary, where the fundamental rights and freedoms of the citizen are guaranteed.

The rule of law is the fundamental pillar of the development and consolidation of any democratic society and this is the case of my country too. This is my belief, this is the belief of my Cabinet too and of all other people who share the European principles and values.

For these reasons and in the view of our common beliefs, I am addressing you, Mr. President, in relation to a subject that concerns the public opinion in Romania. I am referring to a letter attributed to the European Commission, dated October 10, 2012, that was sent to Mrs. Mona Pivniceru, Minister of Justice at that time, containing 21 requests from the European institution to the Government of Romania regarding the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism.

Among these requirements are also concrete requests regarding certain criminal cases and some persons investigated for corruption and service crimes, namely Gheorghe Copos, Adrian Năstase, Șerban Alexandru Brădișteanu, Ion Dumitru, Decebal Traian Remeș, Dan Voiculescu, George Becali, Cătălin Voicu, Tudor Alexandru Chiuariu.

Taking into account the solid relation of partnership between Romania and the European Union, a relationship based on transparency and mutual trust, I ask you, Mr. President, to clarify the factual and legal issues related to the document in question.

It is essential for securing our institutional collaboration and strengthening judicial integrity in Romania to find out whether the document attributed to the European Commission is an authentic one, assumed institutionally, and if it is the only document of its kind and whether it was capable of bringing, by its content or effects, interference with the proper functioning of justice and breach principles of law.

I am convinced that, through your direct involvement, we will have the opportunity to understand the underlying reasons and criteria that led to the drafting of this nominal list by the European Commission, together with the way the information requested and obtained by the European institution contributed to the analysis and especially to the evaluation of the progress made by Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism.

Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker

President of the European Commission

In my opinion, Mr. President Juncker, clarifications are urgently required, taking into account that such imperative requirements to the Romanian authorities were a repeated practice, as the Minister of Justice, Mr. Tudorel Toader, informed me, at my request.

I am firmly convinced that your response will include relevant and useful details that will further enable us to achieve significant results within the CVM, based on the values of respect for democracy, the rule of law, citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms in a society characterized by the lack of any discrimination, justice, truth and equality of rights.

I fully believe in maintaining an effective, balanced and efficient dialogue with you, by which the rule of law and justice in Romania will be stronger and better consolidated, in the spirit of the European principles and the core values that unite us.

From the above considerations and in view of the constant progress made by Romania in the field of justice, I would rightly stress again, Mr. President, that our country fulfills all the conditions for the lifting of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism, a measure which, once taken, will open new horizons and perspectives of our partnership.

Please accept, dear Mr. President, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Viorica Dăncilă



Prime Minister of the Government of Romania