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MAJOR PARTNER COUNTRIES CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA NOT TO REVERSE ITS FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

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On behalf of the Embassies of Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands and the United States please receive the statement below:

“We, Romania’s international partners and allies, express our profound concern at the actions of the Romanian Government on the night of January 31, 2017, which have undermined Romania’s progress on rule of law and the fight against corruption over the past ten years. This act, in contravention to the collective wisdom of the entire judicial and rule of law community, credible elements of civil society, and the demonstrated concerns of Romanian citizens over the past two weeks, can only undermine Romania’s standing in the international community and risks damaging partnerships that are based on common values, inherent in the guiding principles of the EU and NATO. We hope the Government of Romania will reverse this unhelpful course. While amendments to existing laws and procedures are occasionally necessary, these changes should be made only in the process of comprehensive and credible consultation with all stakeholders.

To this end, the EU Member States which have endorsed this statement also draw attention to the recent CVM report of the Commission. This report sets out the conditions to avoid a reassessment of the progress made in the fight against corruption. It identified a limited number of key recommendations the fulfillment of which would lead to the provisional closing of individual benchmarks and to the conclusion of the CVM process. The EU Member States which have endorsed this statement hope that Romania will act in a way allowing the EU Council to work in this direction.”