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Dear Mr President,

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), of which the Romanian Prosecution Service is a valued organisational member.

The IAP is the first and only world organisation of prosecutors, with organisational and individual members around the globe. Apart from promoting high standards of prosecution and the effective combat of crime, including corruption, the IAP is closely involved in ensuring that the professional and other rights of prosecutors and their organisations are fully respected and upheld, by governments and other state bodies.

We understand that, although an attempt was made recently to remove from office the Prosecutor General, Professor Augustin Lazar, who is highly regarded by world prosecutors, you have declined to give your consent to that move, for which the IAP is most grateful.

As you will know, the European Commission for Democracy through Law ("The Venice Commission") has recently called for the Romanian Government to ensure that there are objective and neutral mechanisms in place for the appointment and removal of prosecutors, and for their other rights to be protected. The IAP is greatly concerned by the situation in which prosecutors now find themselves, and feels it must make its concerns known.

Although I have written separately to the Prime Minister, Madam Viorica Dăncilă, calling for prosecutorial rights to be fully protected, anything that you may also be able to do to ensure that prosecutors are able to discharge their professional duties as they think best, without facing possible consequences, and that their essential rights are respected, will be greatly appreciated.



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We are happy to answer any question you might have about the IAP and its work.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to extend our highest expressions of regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General of the IAP

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