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Letter to the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption regarding the situation in Romania

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Dear Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Cc. Mr. Gianluca Esposito, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption

We are Members of the European Parliament who are concerned by the recent attempts of the Romanian government to decriminalise corruption, weaken the country's conflicts of interest rules and undermine its accountability mechanisms.

We have followed closely the citizens' mass protests against these worrying developments and decided to write to you in the absence of serious and effective action by the European Commission to tackle corruption in the EU Member States, as made evident by the fact that the Commission has proposed to simply shelve this year's biannual anti-corruption report.

We are aware that the Group of States against Corruption is currently working on the compliance report for Romania, in the context of the fourth evaluation round. We hope that the Council of Europe can take concrete steps to examine the situation on the ground in Romania, and to ensure that the most recent developments are taken into account during this assessment.

We would be interested to have a meeting with you during the next European Parliament plenary session in Strasbourg (13th - 16th March), and remain at your disposal should you wish to collaborate further on this important issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Greens/EFA group, this letter is signed by the following Members of the European Parliament:

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