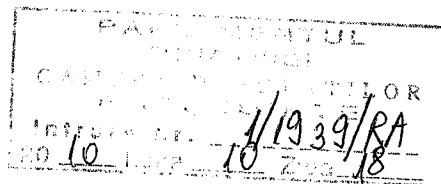


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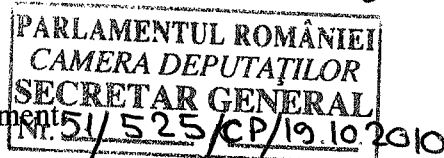


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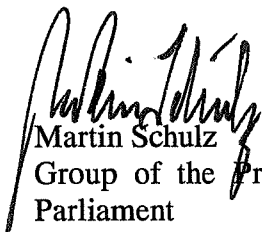
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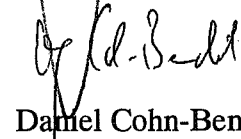
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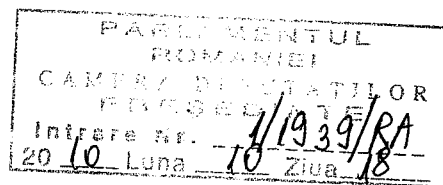
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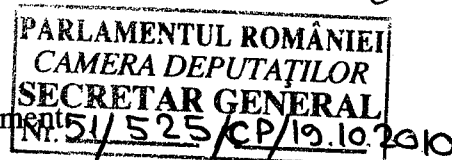
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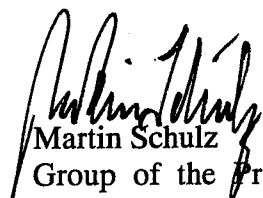
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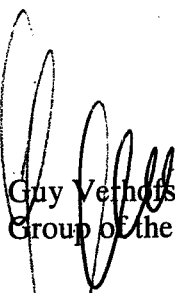
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Doamnei Roberta Anastase,
Președintele Camerei Deputaților din Parlamentul României

Stimate Președinte,

Parlamentul European a constatat cu îngrijorare depunerea la Parlamentul României, a Strategiei Naționale de Apărare, care, în *articolul 6. Vulnerabilități, alineatul nr. 10*, include mass-media drept o amenințare la adresa statului român. Parlamentul European recunoaște dreptul suveran al parlamentelor naționale de a adopta legi; totuși, acesta reamintește obligația statelor membre de a adopta legi care nu contravin valorilor și dispozițiilor legale ale Uniunii Europene.

Credem că includerea mass-mediei drept o vulnerabilitate în cadrul Strategiei Naționale de Apărare nu este doar nedemocratică, ci și că aceasta reprezintă o violare a articolului 11 al Cartei drepturilor fundamentale, a articolului 10 al Convenției europene privind drepturile omului și a articolului 6 al Tratatului privind Uniunea Europeană.

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Credem cu tărie că este în interesul funcționării corespunzătoare a instituțiilor democratice, ca drepturile și libertățile mass-mediei să fie respectate și garantate în țara Dumneavoastră, astfel cum sunt ele definite în documentele fundamentale ale Uniunii. Recunoaștem, de asemenea, că este în interesul țării Dumneavoastră întărirea credibilității sale în Uniunea Europeană.

De aceea, noi, semnatarii acestei scrisori, reprezentând diferite grupuri politice, dar toți angajați în slujba democrației, drepturilor omului și a valorilor fundamentale ale Uniunii Europene, vă rugăm să reflectați asupra posibilității respingerii articolului menționat, în cadrul votului din Parlamentul României.

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