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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF COMMISSIONER VERHEUGEN**

**Subject: draft letter to PM Nastase**

Please find attached a draft letter to PM Nastase concerning the draft legislation on children's rights and adoption in Romania. The Independent Panel of EU Experts has delivered its 4th. report on the Romanian draft legislation on children's rights and adoption on 19 May 2004.

The Independent Panel concluded that the draft legislation essentially complies with its previous recommendations and limits intercountry adoptions to close relatives. However concern remains about the building up of administrative capacity for intercountry adoptions, which seems in contradiction with the decision to limit such type of adoptions.

The attached letter is considered urgent, as the legislation has already been transmitted to the Romanian Parliament.



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