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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Romania**

The European Union welcomes the Romanian Government's proposed amendments to the criminal code relating to homosexuality. If passed, they will ensure that individuals are treated equally regardless of sexual orientation. The European Union fully supports the proposed amendments and would encourage the Romanian Parliament to pass them into law as soon as possible.

If these proposals become law they will represent a step forward for Romania in complying with their obligations as a party to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, and reinforce the Romanian Government's commitment to the promotion of Human Rights.
