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The Embassy of Romania in Copenhagen presents its compliments to the Danish Parliament and has the honour to present enclosed the letter addressed by Mr Mircea Geoană, President of the Special Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate Regarding Romania's Accession to the Schengen Area of the Parliament of Romania, to the attention of Mr Karsten Nonbo, Chairman of the Defence Committee of the Danish Parliament.

The Embassy of Romania in Copenhagen avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Danish Parliament in Copenhagen the assurances of its highest consideration.



Copenhagen, December 11, 2013

**Defence Committee
Danish Parliament**



**Mister Karsten Nonbo
President
The Defence Committee
The Kingdom of Denmark**

Bucharest, 23rd of September 2013

Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to announce to you the formation of a new special joint committee in the Romanian Parliament, namely, *The Special Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate regarding Romania's accession to the Schengen Area.*

The purpose of this joint committee is to support, at a parliamentary level, the Government's actions aimed at fulfilling the conditions required for Romania's accession to the Schengen Area. This accession is a fundamental objective of our legitimate desire to be a full member of all EU institutions. This objective is strongly supported by all political parties and the Romanian people.

The Pro-Schengen Committee comprises MP's that chair relevant committees, members of specific friendship groups with the main European partners, and also former Ministers of Justice, former Ministers of Internal Affairs and former Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

Knowing that Romania has already fulfilled the technical criteria for joining the Schengen Area, the Committee will mainly focus on the political and other connected aspects leading time member states to still express their recommendations about Romania and Bulgaria's case.



We stand ready to address in our future meetings with the relevant actors in the National Parliaments, Governments and civil society of the EU member states, all subjects that could lead to an unanimous decision in the JAI and the European Council's respective level regarding on expeditious entry of our country in the Schengen Area.

Also, we are ready to encounter our counterparts in the Parliament at your earliest convenience, be it in Romania or in the Kingdom of Denmark.

I thank you and assure you of my continuous support in the development of our bilateral relations.

Sincerely yours,

Mircea GEOANĂ
President
Special Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate Regarding
Romania's Accession to the Schengen Area
Romanian Parliament

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