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*For the attention of Mr. Angel Gurria, General Secretary OECD*

*Ref: letter of support for Romania's accession to the OECD*

*Dear Mr. Gurria,*

*The National Trade Union Bloc (BNS) is a Romanian representative trade union confederation covering approximately 320,000 trade union members, workers in both the private and public sector. BNS consists of 40 professional federations representing the rights and interests of workers in the the following sectors: automotive, transport, communal administration, construction and building materials, post and telecommunication, printing, electronics, electrotechnics, automation and defense industry, culture, energy, textile industry, health, public administration, agriculture, finance-banking, mining and geology, and sport. BNS is a full member of the social dialogue structures organized at national or regional level.*

*BNS is affiliated to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), and has a representative in the European Economic and Social Committee. BNS is also involved in the work of the International Labor Organization (ILO), through ACTRAV, in the OECD's activities through TUAC, and also in the activities of the Pan-European Regional Trade Union Council.*

*BNS has developed and calibrated a set of tools to identify and correct the problems faced by workers and the economic environment in Romania, based on good European practices in this respect, the source of which is in many cases the analyzes and tools created by the OECD. In the last years, BNS has strengthened its expertise at national level and has*

*spread these competences into its territorial structures, creating a national network capable of managing integrated programs.*

*The expertise of over 20 years in public policies, as well as the experience gained at European level through transnational partnerships or the structures to which BNS is affiliated, represent an added value that can be capitalized in the development of any initiatives.*

*Through its involvement in the TUAC activities, BNS has already become familiar with many of the instruments developed by the OECD, which is why we believe that Romania's accession to the OECD is an opportunity to support the efforts to increase the stability and predictability of the economic and social environment. Increasing the impact of globalization on workers and their families requires - now more than ever - concerted action and international tools that can contribute to the effective protection of the workers' fundamental rights and freedoms. Labor market policies, education, vocational training, guidelines for multinational companies, social policies, or the public administration reform are just some of the areas where Romania could benefit from the OECD expertise.*

*We believe the accession to the OECD would be a strategic approach for Romania and implicitly for the social partners, thus ensuring the possibility of involvement in the global economic agenda, as well as access to experiences and good practices, namely a significant transfer of expertise and skills, especially in the labor market field.*

*In view of the above, we fully support the accession of Romania to the OECD.*

*Yours sincerely,*



*Dumitru Costin*

*President BNS*