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**To the attention of:**

***Klaus Werner Iohannis, President of Romania; Calin Popescu-Tariceanu, President of the Senate of Romania; Liviu Dragnea, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania; Traian Băsescu, Leader of Partidul Mișcarea Populară; Ludovic Orban, Leader of Partidul Național Liberal; Kelemen Hunor, Leader of Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România; Dan Barna, Leader of Uniunea Salvați România.***

**Strasbourg, 15 March 2018**

Honourable President Iohannis,  
Honourable Presidents Popescu-Tariceanu and Dragnea,  
Esteemed Members of the Parliament of Romania,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament,

- taking note of the unprecedented democratic support of a marriage referendum in Romania,
- considering the 3 million signatures in support of a referendum as a sign of healthy democracy,
- stressing the need to give a democratic voice to the 3 million Romanian citizens,
- recalling the well-established jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the EU which states that Member States have national competence regarding civil status and the benefits deriving therefrom,
- reaffirming the principle of subsidiarity which protects the democratic process from external pressures,
- bearing in mind Article 2 (1) of the Constitution of Romania which outlines that “*national sovereignty belongs to the Romanian people, who exert it through (...) referendum*”,

Support the organization of the referendum without delay.



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