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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL ENVIRONMENT

The Director-General

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Subject: Legislative initiative to change the hunting regime of the Brown Bear in Romania


Dear Ms Hulea,

I am writing to you concerning the petition in which you drew our attention to Bill L294/2019, which was adopted by the Romanian Senate on 25 September 2019. The Bill amends Law 407/2006 on hunting and the protection of hunting resources and changes the protection regime for the Brown Bear, making this species huntable for a period of five years. For this Bill to come into force, the Chamber of Deputies needs to approve it.

The Brown Bear is a strictly protected species listed in Annex IV of the Habitats Directive¹. On this basis, the killing of Brown Bear specimens is prohibited under Article 12 of the same directive. Member States may derogate from the provisions of Article 12 provided that the conditions set in Article 16 are fulfilled.

The Commission has contacted the Romanian authorities to ensure that Romania respects its obligations deriving from EU law, including the correct transposition of the Habitats Directive in the national legal order.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Council Directive 92/43/EEC, of 21 May 1992, on the protection of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992).

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