

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6529/08  
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to the Council

Subject: Undemocratic character of recent Romanian government decisions

In view of the fact that the current Romanian government of Călin Popescu Tăriceanu has refused to apply a legislative act (Law 221/2008 on wage increases for teachers in 2008) that has been unanimously adopted by the national parliament, validated by the Constitutional Court and promulgated by the President, and of the government's recourse to successive emergency orders in order to prevent this law's implementation, one may speak of an effective blockage of the mechanisms of democracy. This situation in Romania is proof that the separation of powers, despite being a fundamental democratic principle, is far from being in place.

Can the Council state its position in principle with regard to this precedent and explain what measures will be taken to ensure that there is no repetition of this situation?