Joint Declaration
on the Strategic Partnership
between Romania and the Republic of Armenia

Romania and the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter – the Parties)

Recalling the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Romania and the Republic of Armenia, signed on 20 September 1994, in Bucharest and multiple bilateral agreements in different fields of cooperation,

Reaffirming the historic traditions of friendship, cooperation and good understanding between their peoples,

Emphasizing the shared desire and determination of Romania and the Republic of Armenia to expand and deepen their bilateral relations in the areas of politics, economy, defence, security, justice, culture, education, energy, environment, social affairs, and youth cooperation,

Affirming the fundamental values underlying their partnership, including the common commitment to uphold freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law and good governance, and a resilient, commonly regulated trading system,

Remaining committed to universally recognized principles and norms of international law, particularly the purposes and principles outlined in the UN Charter, the Helsinki Final Act and the Paris Charter for a New Europe,

Aiming at contributing to regional and international security, stability, and peace,

Taking into account Romania's role as a member of the European Union and NATO and the shared interest in promoting stability, prosperity and democratic resilience in the Eastern Neighborhood,

Recalling the framework established by the Republic of Armenia - EU Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), priorities set out in the Strategic Agenda for the Republic of Armenia – EU Partnership, as well as Joint Declaration of the first Armenia-EU Summit,

Considering Armenia's aspiration to strengthen its political, economic, security, and social ties with the European family and the broader community of democratic states,

Striving to elevate their bilateral relations to the benefit of both countries to a new level,

The Parties hereby declare the establishment of a Strategic Partnership between Romania and the Republic of Armenia.

Strategic Partnership Framework

1. Political Dialogue, Regional, and International Cooperation

1.1 The Parties will sustain and intensify high-level contacts between their executive and legislative bodies.

1.2 The Parties will conduct annual political consultations between their Ministries for Foreign Affairs to exchange views and coordinate positions on bilateral relations, as well as on international and regional issues of mutual interest.

1.3 Highlighting the importance of deepening the Armenia-EU partnership, the Parties will conduct regular sectoral consultations, bilaterally and within the framework of the Armenia-EU cooperation instruments. These exchanges will focus on: supporting Armenia's approximation with the EU standards; enhancing Armenia's sovereignty and resilience; strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law in Armenia; safeguarding human rights and freedoms in Armenia; promoting the diversification of the economy of Armenia, as well as trade, through facilitating greater market access to the EU and encouraging European investments in Armenia.

1.4 Based on shared principles and values, the Parties will actively cooperate within international organizations, including the United Nations, the Council of Europe, OSCE, OIF and International financial institutions.

1.5 Romania reaffirms its support for the implementation of the agreements reached between the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia and the President Republic of Azerbaijan, witnessed by the President of the United States in Washington, DC, on 8 August 2025.

1.6 Romania reaffirms its strong support for the timely implementation of all agreed steps, notably the signing and ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of Peace and Inter-state Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan, initialed in Washington, DC, on 8 August 2025, based on mutual recognition and respect of each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, in line with the provisions of international law and relevant international agreements entered into by the two countries.

2. Security, Resilience, Justice and Defense

2.1 The Parties recognize the potential for enhanced security and defense cooperation and agree to explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration in this regard.

2.2 Bilateral defense cooperation will be advanced at both high-level and working-level engagements.

2.3 The Parties will explore opportunities for collaboration in defense development and production, and export activities.

2.4 The Parties will collaborate within international and regional organizations to address shared security challenges.

2.5 The Parties affirm their common commitment to maintaining free, open, secure, and interoperable cyberspace.

2.6 The Parties will strengthen cybersecurity cooperation by establishing joint initiatives, exchange of good practices on cyber security governance and critical infrastructure protection, including technical cooperation and information exchange on threat detection and incident response; cooperation in education, research, and innovation in cyber security (e.g. joint workshops, professional training programmes, and simulation exercises, among others).

2.7 The Parties will strengthen their cooperation in the field of combating organized crime, as well as in countering cybercrime by establishing joint initiatives, including technical assistance and capacity-building programs.

2.8 The Parties recognize the importance of mutual support in addressing hybrid threats.

2.9 The Parties will explore collaboration in the field of cloud computing and data analytics, focusing on the use of cloud technologies for digital transformation.

2.10 The Parties will hold regular sectoral consultations in the fields of countering disinformation and Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI), strategic communication, public diplomacy and related spheres in order to share experiences and address existing challenges in the above-mentioned fields.

2.11 The Parties will strengthen cooperation in crisis management and emergency response through joint initiatives and training, including capacity-building programs and also enhanced coordination between competent authorities to strengthen resilience to natural and man-made disasters.

2.12 The Parties will encourage regular exchanges between their agencies responsible for promoting and strengthening democratic institutions, human rights, fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, effective governance, and anti-corruption efforts. The Parties will strengthen cooperation in the justice sector.

2.13 The Parties will enhance communication and consultations between their line ministries and sectoral agencies to develop institutional cooperation and expand the multi-sector cooperation agenda.

3. Economic and Infrastructure Cooperation

3.1 The Parties reaffirm their commitment to develop and expand economic and trade relations, prioritizing sectors such as information technology, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, water and water infrastructure management, biodiversity, sustainable land management, smart agriculture, renewable energy, healthcare and tourism, while also encouraging mutually beneficial investments.

3.2 The Parties will enhance cooperation to promote regional and international trade and transport connectivity, in line with the EU's Global Gateway Strategy and the "TRIPP" Project, while also underscoring Armenia's potential as a bridge between different regions, as promoted by the "Crossroads of Peace" initiative.

3.3 The Parties will intensify the work of the bilateral Intergovernmental Joint Commission on Economic and Scientific-Technical Cooperation, in particular for the identification of concrete projects of mutual interest.

3.4 The Parties will promote cooperation in high-tech industries, including through joint ventures and research initiatives in areas such as semiconductors, artificial intelligence, robotics, and cloud computing, while fostering collaboration among small and medium-sized enterprises, startups, and innovation ecosystems, including through accelerators, incubators, and business matchmaking initiatives.

3.5 Economic cooperation -will be enhanced by facilitating engagement among relevant economic stakeholders, including private sector entities, investors, startups, free economic zones, industrial parks, logistics centers, chambers of commerce, and investment and export support institutions. Such cooperation may be advanced through joint business missions, and targeted investment roadshows, with a view to expanding trade, promoting investment, fostering industrial partnerships, advancing innovation, and supporting the transition to a green and circular economy.

3.6 The Parties will promote joint participation in international high-tech exhibitions and technology fairs, as well as organize joint business and technology conferences in their respective countries, with a view to showcasing their capabilities, facilitating stakeholder engagement, and attracting global investment into their technological sectors.

3.7 The Parties will expand and promote cooperation in agribusiness and agri-food industries, including smart agriculture, irrigation technologies, greenhouse development, food processing and agro-processing, packaging, storage and cold-chain logistics, food safety, and value-added manufacturing for export markets, with a view to fostering sustainable agri-food value chains.

3.8 The Parties will strengthen cooperation in the fields of standards, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment, certification, market surveillance, and technical regulation, including with a view to facilitating the access of Armenian goods and services to the European market and enhancing the competitiveness of enterprises in both countries.

3.9 The Parties will explore collaboration in light and advanced manufacturing, including automotive components, electrical equipment, electronics, machinery, industrial technologies.

3.10 The Parties will cooperate to improve trade facilitation and logistics connectivity, including through the exchange of experience in customs modernization, digital trade procedures, warehousing, multimodal transport solutions, and supply-chain optimization.

3.11 The Parties will promote cooperation in pharmaceuticals, medical technologies, and related manufacturing industries, including through technology transfer, regulatory dialogue, research partnerships, and investment promotion.

4. Energy

4.1 The Parties, within bilateral and regional frameworks, will develop close cooperation in the field of energy, exploring opportunities for deeper cooperation in the fields of electricity, renewable energy, nuclear energy and energy technologies.

4.2 The Parties acknowledge the importance of strengthening Armenia's energy resilience and the role that the regional energy initiatives supported by the European Union can play to that end.

4.3 The Parties will organize joint consultations on green hydrogen and renewable energy projects, particularly on the development of solar and wind projects. They will explore the expansion of cooperation in emerging industries related to clean energy and resources, and technology transfer between companies.

4.5 Having nuclear power programs, the Parties will explore mutually beneficial cooperation and expertise sharing in the field of nuclear energy.

4.6 The Parties will exchange views on public policies in the field of energy and energy resources and promotion of cooperation with a view to strengthening security of energy supply and diversifying energy sources and transport routes, for the purpose of transitioning to cleaner and more inclusive energy systems.

5. Education, Science, Healthcare, Culture, Sport, Youth and Tourism

5.1 The Parties reaffirm their commitment to enhancing cooperation among universities, schools, and other relevant educational institutions and research organizations and centers of the two States, including in the field of research and development (R&D), through the facilitation of exchange programs, peer learning initiatives, and the sharing of best practices.

5.2 In this context, the Parties will encourage and support the development of partnerships between universities of Romania and the Republic of Armenia in fields of mutual interest, encouraging mobility for academic staff, researchers, and students, using the opportunities offered under the relevant international and regional cooperation frameworks and programmes, such as Erasmus+, as well as initiatives within the framework of the Francophonie and other regional cooperation formats.

5.3 The Parties will promote academic partnerships between research organisations and universities in Armenia and Romania in fields of mutual interest, with a focus on joint research projects and faculty/student

exchanges. The Parties acknowledge the potential of Armenia's Academic City as a hub for academic collaboration and innovation, furthering shared goals in education and research.

5.4 The Parties -will endeavor to develop and expand comprehensive cooperation in the fields of healthcare and public health, with a primary focus on strengthening the resilience of their respective national health systems and enhancing the quality of medical services. To this end the Parties will organize joint health technology and medical conferences in both Romania and Armenia, providing a high-level platform for stakeholders to establish connections, exchange innovative ideas, and foster institutional collaboration.

5.5 The Parties will enhance cooperation in the field of culture with a view to increasing mutual public awareness of each country's history and culture. Their cooperation will focus on: creative industries and contemporary cultural projects; participation in international events; joint festivals and exhibitions; promotion of common heritage; publishing, translation and distribution of literary works; cultural tourism; collaboration within UNESCO and other relevant international organizations.

5.6 The Parties will enhance cooperation in the field of tourism, including by organizing investment conferences, and supporting initiatives aimed to increase mutual public awareness of each country's history and culture, as well as by promoting direct flights.

5.7 The Parties will promote cooperation in the field of physical culture and sports, including cooperation and exchange of experience between specialists in high-performance sports, mass sports, sports medicine, sports science, and sports federations; they will participate in international sporting events held in both countries, and organize joint training camps and coaching seminars as well experience exchange and cooperation in policy for Youth.

5.8. The Parties will cooperate in the development of athletes and coaches, the promotion of youth and grassroots sport, the strengthening of anti-doping efforts and sports integrity, as well as the advancement of sports medicine and science, through the exchange of expertise and the implementation of joint initiatives.

6. Space and Technology Cooperation

6.1 The Parties will explore collaboration in space exploration and satellite technology, in cooperation with relevant European space organizations, including the European Space Agency, as applicable.

6.2 Opportunities will be explored to launch joint space programs and potential partnerships between Romania's and Armenia's space agencies, according to the resilience needs of international organisations of which Romania and Armenia are members.

This Joint Declaration does not create any legally binding obligations under international law or any financial commitments for the Parties. This Joint Declaration will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect, unless terminated by either Party by giving a six (6) month prior notice.

Signed in _____ on _____ 2026 in two original copies in the Romanian, Armenian and English languages, all the texts being equally -valid. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text -will prevail.

For Romania **For the Republic of Armenia**