

**Speech delivered by the President of Romania during the
Ledears Event during the United Nations Climate Change
Conference, November 30th, Paris**

Mr. President,

Excellencies, distinguished participants,

Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank our honourable host, His Excellency Mr. François Hollande, President of France, as well as His Excellency Mr. Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, in his capacity of President-designate of the Twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for the warm hospitality extended to all of us.

I also take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Romanian people our deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of innocent lives, heartfelt condolences and solidarity with the French people and the families affected by the **terrorist attacks** of 13 November 2015.

The French capital hosts a crucial event on climate change. According to relevant studies, climate change will adversely impact our economic, social, and political systems, overburdening particularly the most vulnerable states.

Climate change can therefore be considered an important threat multiplier and should be tackled accordingly. **Unless we act now**, the impact will quickly become unmanageable, with irreversible consequences for humanity and our environment.

Acting on climate change also offers **opportunities**. We are convinced that, by focusing our efforts towards low carbon economies, we will become more competitive, create new jobs and better address both the energy and climate security challenges we are all facing today.

Our commitment to this aim is enshrined in the ambitious European Union 2030 Energy and Climate Framework, agreed by the Heads of State and Government in October 2014 - a **binding, economy-wide emissions reduction target of at least 40% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels**.

Romania considers that **climate change is a major challenge for all of us and requires joint action**. This is why we must set out a clear vision for a strengthened and effective global response, through a **global and comprehensive legally binding agreement** under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Romania believes that the Paris Conference must deliver an Agreement that is **inclusive, fair and effective** in achieving the agreed objective to limit the increase of the average global temperature below 2 degrees Celsius.

In our view, **a robust legally binding multilateral instrument that provides for mitigation commitments** is the way to meet this objective. The future Agreement should, at the same time, provide for a dynamic approach that will ensure adaptation to the economic realities and to the evolving responsibilities, capabilities and different national circumstances of the Parties, including from the **financial perspective**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The success of this Conference can be attained only through a multilateral approach, based on common rules, including as regards **transparency and accountability**.

A strong signal of political will is necessary to accelerate the desired global transition to climate resilient low carbon economy - part of **our legacy for the next generations**.

Bearing in mind that climate change is affecting us all, I wish to conclude by making an appeal to all nations, to commit and contribute to the success of this Conference.

Thank you.