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To the **President of Romania, His Excellence Klaus Werner Iohannis**,

Subject: Students are against unlimited mandates for Rectors.

The **European Students' Union (ESU)**, together with the **National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR)**, urge you to decline the proposed Law no. 159/2019 which would change the Law of National Education no. 1/ 2011, in a manner that rectors of higher education institutions would be allowed to have **an unlimited number of mandates**.

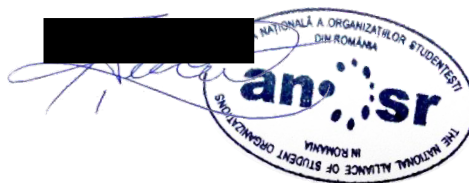
We consider that by eliminating the provisions referring to the fact that "*a person cannot hold the position of rector of the same higher education institution for more than two successive, complete mandates*" clearly **stamps the university democracy and the principles on which universities in the country are taken over**. Thus, this arrogation of a fundamental management position for higher education institutions for an unlimited period of time, directs education towards unilateral **university totalitarianism**.

Together with lowering democratic values within the higher education system in Romania, establishing an unlimited number of mandates for rectors would considerably decrease quality of higher education, since those persons once elected to have managing positions will lose their interest in improving academic life and enhancing institutional standards.

Thus, we urge the President of Romania, His Excellence Klaus Werner Iohannis, not to promulgate the normative act in its current form and to send it for a review to the Romanian Parliament.


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The National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR) is the non-governmental and non-partisan students' representatives union which, for over 20 years, has the **main purpose** of representing students' common interests in Romania, defending and promoting students' rights and obligations, but also stimulating students to be an active part within the educational act and the society.

ANOSR reunites 106 local students' unions from 19 university centers and 29 higher education institutions spread around the country. All students involved work together in order to maintain the function of the students movement.

At national level, ANOSR is part of the **Alliance for a Clean Romania** and member of the **Romanian Youth Council**. Also, ANOSR is the only structure in Romania that legitimately represents students at international level, through the full membership statute of the **European Students' Union (ESU)**.

The European Students' Union (ESU) is the umbrella organisation of 46 National Unions of Students (NUS) from 40 countries. The aim of ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO. Through its members, ESU represents almost 20 million students in Europe.