

Right of reply by Romania

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting

Working Session 6: Fundamental Freedoms: Freedom of peaceful assembly and association

Mr. Moderator,

In response to specific points raised today, Romania makes the following remarks:

The Romanian Government considers violence against peaceful protesters unacceptable and unjustifiable.

The Government has no intention to limit in any way the freedom of peaceful assembly and association. As a democratic society, we cherish it, as we cherish the cooperation with the civil society and its valuable support.

The Romanian legislation ensures full protection of all fundamental rights and freedoms. Romania has an independent justice system that guarantees that national legislation is enforced and any abuse, including by employees of public institutions, is punished.

As already mentioned, the Romanian prosecutors are conducting an investigation concerning the events that took place last year, on 10 August. This investigation is pending.

The authorities are keeping the public informed in a transparent manner. The Romanian authorities are looking into this situation with utmost seriousness and in strict accordance with the law and our democratic values.

We would like to add that similar protests with 24.000 people participating on 10 August 2019 were peaceful and free of incidents.

Thank you, Mr. Moderator