

THE INVOLVEMENT OF ROMANIAN MILITARY LEADERS IN THE INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND COUNTRY DEFENCE IN RECENT GEOPOLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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Abstract *Many political and military analysts from NATO and non-NATO countries agree, almost unanimously, that for the last 10 years the world has entered a dangerous state of turmoil. From the resurgence and extreme aggression of Islamic fundamentalism to the emergence of new nuclear weapon holders in state-dictatorships and culminating with the political, propaganda, economic and military aggression of the Russian Federation (Georgia-2008, Ukraine - 2014 - up to date) - all these developments must give reasons to worry to the responsible world leaders.*

In this complicated geopolitical context, Romania as a European member-state of the European Union and of NATO has the obligation to remain vigilant on a permanent basis, contributing in good faith to the collective defence, while strengthening its internal democracy.

An important role must also be played by the current Romanian military leaders, who have to give up shyness and passivity, to present courageously to the political leaders, of course within the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the country, the serious problems facing the Romanian Armed Forces and consequently, Romanian defence.

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