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Dear Ms Kovesi,

I hereby want to congratulate you on the membership of Romania to the EU and on your post as general prosecutor of Romania.

The legal situation in Romania has been of some concern to us. I have followed in detail the persecution of the Romanian Yoga School MISA and its mentor Gregorian Bivolaru who has been given asylum in Sweden.

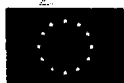
On several occasions we were communicating with the Romanian Ambassador to the EU concerning this case. We know that the Romanian Minister of Justice, Ms Monica Macovei, subsequently ordered the Supreme Council of Magistrates to make an investigation into the case. The conclusion of the investigation was quite confusing for us since the only person to blame was Mrs. Macovei herself for not having provided Sweden with sufficient information to have Mr. Bivolaru extradited.

Meanwhile one specific accusation came to our attention, which involves around 50 persons of the Yoga School MISA, who are accused of exploiting two families (a total of 8 persons) and thus making a profit of more than 5.5 million euro. In order to secure the claim of the two families the prosecutors are apparently attempting to confiscate 70 private houses. To me this accusation seems to be a show case of the dubiety of cases made against the yoga school MISA.

I have learned that this case has been brought to your attention recently and that you have promised to study it. I am very interested to know what your conclusions are. Especially as Minister Macovei concluded publicly that 'unfortunately the SCM report is not finding the truth.'

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This fact and others alike are included in a memo that came to our attention summarizing the flaws in the investigation that has taken place since 2004 in the MISA / Gregorian Bivolaru case.

We have reason to believe, that you and Mrs. Monica Macovei both want to improve the Romanian juridical system that have been a source of concern for us for quite a while. Expressing our consideration and support for this work.

Yours sincerely,