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The 65th Plenary Meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures (MONEYVAL) of the Council of Europe was held in Strasbourg on 24-26 May 2023, Romania being represented by a delegation led by the President of the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering, Mr. Adrian Cucu. In addition to representatives of the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering, the delegation included representatives of the Ministry of Justice - Prosecutor's Office of the High Court of Cassation and Justice (National Anticorruption Directorate, Directorate for the Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism), the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Agency for Fiscal Administration, the National Gambling Office, the National Bank of Romania, the Financial Supervisory Authority and the Romanian Intelligence Service.

The Plenary brought together some 200 AML/CFT experts from around 50 jurisdictions and international organisations and was preceded on 22-23 May 2023 by the Meeting of the Working Groups, where the mutual evaluation reports of Romania and North Macedonia were discussed in preparation for the Plenary.

The Moneyval Plenary discussed and approved the Mutual Evaluation Reports of Romania and Northern Macedonia as well as the monitoring reports of Albania and Slovenia. All adopted reports will be published in the coming weeks, in line with MONEYVAL's publication policy.

The evaluation report on the system of prevention and control of money laundering and terrorist financing in Romania presents a detailed and objective description of the progress made between 2017 and 2022, from a legislative and institutional point of view, as well as the level of efficiency in the functioning of the system. The ratings obtained, both in terms of technical compliance of the legislative framework and efficiency in its implementation, place Romania at the top of the informal hierarchy of results achieved by the countries assessed by Moneyval in Round V and place our country in a normal monitoring process, with the next progress report to be presented to the Moneyval Committee in two years' time.

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