ANOSR is against the measures that would exclude mandatory registration of students from the National Intelligence Academy within the Unique Database of University Students in Romania

The National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR) raises concerns about the Government Emergency Ordinance completing article 201 of Law no. 1/2011 regarding national education, which would allow the National Intelligence Academy „Mihai Viteazul” of Bucharest not to register their enrolled students within the Unique Database of University Students in Romania (RMUR).

ANOSR notes the lack of motivation for the urgent nature of the Government Ordinance and warns of the possible repercussions of these measures. Therefore, this initiative limits the control of the diplomas issued by the National Intelligence Academy, causing lack of transparency regarding students enrolled within civil study programs and also uncertainty regarding their rights and obligations, since their study papers would not be subjected to authenticity verifications.

The RMUR information system, stipulated by article no. 201 of Law no. 1/2011 regarding national education and operationalized by Minister Order no. 3714/2018 regarding the approval of the Regulation for organization, operation and operationalization of RMUR is an electronic database in which all students enrolled in Romanian higher education institutions are registered. It is managed by the Ministry of Education and Research (MEC) and is processed and administrated by the Executive Unit for Financing of Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI). The collection and processing of data has multiple purposes, such as: visualization of the educational path of students, in order to monitor the implementation of educational policies at national level, checking the authenticity of study papers, identifying „double financing” situations, data sharing with railway and subway transport operators, data processing for statistical purposes and so on.

In the fundamenting note of this Government Emergency Ordinance, it is mentioned that National Intelligence Academy's students enrolled in military study programs are subject to the Law no. 182/2002 regarding protection of classified information, thus information about potential employees of Romanian Intelligence Services (SRI) are classified as a state secret. Therefore, the National Intelligence Academy was unable to register its students in the national database and provide study papers for its graduates. According to the Government, the urgency of adopting this measure is due to the fact that, since the operationalization of this database (RMUR), the National Intelligence Academy has only registered students and trainees enrolled in civil study programs, thus limiting the right of students enrolled in military study programs to be provided with study papers. However, it remains uncertain why the
inability to report to RMUR all students was motivated and resolved urgently only after 4 years.

Such a measure is not necessary for students enrolled in civil study programs, its application causing a lack of transparency with respect to the Ministry of Education and Research, since it would be deprived of any control over the diplomas issued by the National Intelligence Academy.

Adopting this Government Emergency Ordinance in the absence of additional measures determines uncertainty regarding students’ rights and obligations from civil study programs, such as the right to receive PhD grants, the right to inland railway and underground transport facilities, the right to free medical assistance and also the calculation of study years to be included in establishing work experience. Since data regarding National Intelligence Academy's students and graduates cannot be accessed by the Ministry of Education and Research, it remains uncertain how the study papers will continue to be issued. In the absence of any clarifications, the questions addressed before remain unanswered.

Consequently, ANOSR urges the Government to limit the provisions of the Emergency Ordinance in order to make them applicable only for National Intelligence Academy's students enrolled in military study programs and to take additional measures in order to harmonize these provisions with the legal framework referring to students enrolled in civil study programs.