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To
Univ.Prof. Dr. Gerhart Holzinger
President of the Austrian Constitutional Court
Judenplatz 11
1010 Vienna

Dear Mr. President,

thank you for your letter dated 4 July 2012 regarding the most recent events in Romania. Without any doubt, an independent constitutional judiciary is an essential component of a state under the rule of law. My Ministry is therefore following the developments in Romania very closely. In this context, the evaluation of the events by the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe, requested both by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and by the Romanian Prime Minister, will certainly yield important findings. The Austrian Embassy in Bucharest has been instructed to report regularly on current developments in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Michael Spindelegger)