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Dear Presidents,

in my function as chairman of the Conference of European Constitutional Courts I received the attached communique of the Constitutional Court of Romania (see the fax of July 3, 2012). It expresses the Court's high concern being politically attacked and facing the Government's threat to dismiss the President and other Judges of the Romanian Constitutional Court due to some decisions taken by the Court. Please let me submit this communique for your attention. In addition I have informed the Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria about this incident asking him to collect information on these developments in Romania through diplomatic channels.

Best regards