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Dear Mr Lobkowicz

Attached I am sending you a letter I wrote to the Romanian ambassador to the EU, Mr Comanescu, for your information.

The letter is concerning the case of the Romanian yoga master Gregorian Bivolescu, whose case might already be known to you. In October, the Swedish Supreme Court decided not to follow a Romanian extradition request owing to its conclusion that Mr Bivolaru, "due to his religious views, risks being subjected to prosecutions of a severe nature" (see document attached).

In view of Romania's accession to the EU, the findings of the Swedish Supreme Court are worrying. Consequently, I thought that you might be interested in taking this issue into account when the Commission's next assessment of Romania's progress on the way to accession is drafted. Any idea on how the Commission could help re-establish justice in this specific case would be very welcome.

Yours sincerely