



Having as a main purpose the safeguard of the independence of the Judiciary, MEDEL ([www.medelnet.org](http://www.medelnet.org)) recognises, beyond any doubt, the importance of the judicial councils in the countries in which they have been established by the fundamental law of the state, the Constitution.

Since the role of a judicial council is to preserve the independence of the judicial system, it is easy to conclude that such council is indeed a pillar of the Rule of Law.

This is why the election proceedings for the members of a judicial council must be beyond any doubt, transparent and protected from any pressures, especially from the ones coming from economical and political spheres of influence.

We took notice of the document in which the National Union of Judges in Romania calls for high standards for this year's elections and we uphold this step, because we truly believe that both the independence of the judicial system and the trust of the Romanian society in that system depend on maintaining such high standards.

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