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Subject: Breach of electoral rights, guaranteed under Romania's law and Constitution, in the context of the European elections in June 2024

Romania's coalition government, which is composed of the Social Democratic Party (affiliated to the S&D) and the National Liberal Party (affiliated to the EPP), is holding discussions and advanced negotiations about the possibility of merging the European Parliament elections on 9 June with the local elections.

The government wants to change the Administrative Code, which currently stipulates that the mandate of local elected officials must be validated within 20 days after the elections. If the government succeeds in making this change, we will be faced with a situation whereby mayors and other newly-elected officials will not be able to take up their duties for three months because there is no legal scope for cutting short the mandate of local elected officials currently in office.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following three questions:

1. Does the Commission consider that the government has a legitimate right to change the Administrative Code just months before the elections, to the electoral advantage of the two coalition parties currently in power?
2. Are the government's actions fair and democratic, bearing in mind that merging the elections would prevent some people from exercising their right to vote because, on election day, they will not be in the place where they are domiciled?
3. Is it democratic to make changes to organisation-related aspects of the elections with less than six months to go before the elections?

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