

## **DECREE - LAW no. 8 of December 31, 1989**

on the registration and functioning of political parties and public organizations in Romania

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In order to achieve a truly democratic society in Romania, to ensure and defend the fundamental rights of citizens and to implement the principle of political pluralism, pursuant to art. 2 lit. a) of the Decree-Law on the establishment, organization and functioning of the Council of the National Salvation Front and of the territorial councils of the National Salvation Front, The Council of the National Salvation Front decrees:

### **Article 1**

In Romania, the establishment of political parties is free, except for fascist parties or those that propagate conceptions contrary to the state and legal order in Romania. No other restriction on the grounds of race, nationality, religion, degree of culture, sex or political beliefs may prevent the formation and functioning of political parties. The registration and functioning of political parties are made in accordance with the provisions of this decree-law.

### **Article 2**

The organization and functioning of political parties are done, according to their statutes, only on a territorial basis. A person cannot be part of two or more political parties at the same time. The goals of political parties and public organizations must be based on respect for sovereignty, independence and national integrity, democracy, in order to ensure the freedoms and rights of citizens and to assert the dignity of the Romanian nation. The means of achieving the goals of political parties and public organizations must be in accordance with the Romanian state and legal order.

### **Article 3**

In order to register, each party and public organization must present its statutes of organization and functioning, the political program, declare its headquarters and the financial means at its disposal and prove that it has at least 251 members.

### **Article 4**

The registration of political parties is done at the Bucharest Municipal Court, which, within 5 days, decides on the legality of their establishment. An appeal may be lodged with the Supreme Court of Justice against the decision of the Bucharest Municipal Court, within 3 days from the communication of the decision. The Supreme Court of Justice ruled within 5 days from the date of

registration of the appeal. From the date of the finality of the decision to admit the registration, the political parties acquire legal personality.

#### **Article 5**

Military personnel and civilian personnel from the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Interior, judges, prosecutors and diplomats, as well as the operative personnel of the Romanian Free Radio and Television, cannot be part of political parties.

THE PRESIDENT

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