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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CONDEMNS  
ROMANIAN TREATMENT OF U.N. OFFICIAL DUMITRU MAZILU

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today condemned the behaviour of the Romanian authorities in the case of Mr. Dumitru Mazilu, a Special Rapporteur of the United Nations for human rights and youth.

"This is only one in a long list of instances where Romania has flagrantly disregarded its international human rights obligations," stated Mr. Clark.

On November 17, officials of the Embassies in Bucharest of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Canada and the Netherlands attempted to visit the United Nations Special Rapporteur for Human Rights and Youth, Mr. Dumitru Mazilu. Since preparation of his report, which is sharply critical of the Romanian government's human rights practices, Mr. Mazilu has been under virtual house arrest. The Romanian government intervened to prevent the proposed visit to him by the four officers of Western embassies.

"This obstruction of diplomatic contact with a Romanian citizen and United Nations official is a violation of internationally accepted standards of human rights and Romania's CSCE obligations," said Mr. Clark. "The four concerned governments deplore in the strongest terms this unwarranted interference in the work of their embassies in Bucharest. They will continue to support Mr. Mazilu and others who are being deprived of their fundamental human rights by the Romanian government."

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