

- All visits and consultations between Canadian and Romanian officials have been cancelled and none will take place until further notice.
- Canada will actively seek condemnation of Romania in the strongest terms at the United Nations Security Council.
- Canada will seek condemnation of Romania's human rights violations through the UN Human Rights Commission.

These actions follow protests delivered to the Romanian Ambassador in Canada, who was called in on December 14 and 18. They also follow attempts to lodge protests in Bucharest, which were refused by the Romanian authorities.

Mr. Clark stated that "these measures would remain in effect until Romanian authorities adopt behaviour in line with civilized values."

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