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Subject: RE: Questionnaire about EBCO’s Annual Report 2021

*For the attention of Alexia Tsouri – President of the European Bureau for Conscientious Objection*

Dear Mrs. Tsouni,

In reply to your request of December 13, 2021, please be informed of the following:

In Romania, conscription (mandatory military service) has been suspended in January 1st, 2007. The suspension, that only refers to men, operates during peacetime but not during state of siege, mobilization or war (according to Art. 2 of *Act 395/2005 on delay of compulsory military service in peace time and passing to voluntary based military service* (published in the Official Gazette of Romania no. 1155/2005).

Initially, the provisions of Art. 4 of *Act 46/1996 on governing preparation of the population for defence* (published in the Official Gazette of Romania no. 120/1996) stipulated that citizens who refused armed military service for religious reasons would undertake alternative-duty service. Later on, Art. 4 (1) of *Act 446/2006* *on* *governing preparation of the population for defence* (published in the Official Gazette of Romania no. 990/2006), introduced, explicitly, the *conscientious objection* as a ground of refusal the armed military service.

During peacetime, state of mobilization and war, the minimum age for a *voluntary basis* recruitment is 18, for both men and women. During state of siege, mobilization and war, the minimum legal age for men’s conscription is 20.

The active duty military personnel may not refuse to accomplish its legal obligations by invoking the conscientious objection*.*According to *Act. 80/1995 on the military personnel statute* (published in the Official Gazette of Romania no. 155/1995), exercising some rights and liberties is restricted or limited to active duty military personnel (for example, Art. 29 - point d - of this act says ”Joining religious cults is free, except to those which, according to la law, […] affect the pursuit of the profession”.

Sincerely yours,

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