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OBJECTIVE: to propose a revised Accession Partnership with Romania. CONTENT: The reform of the public administration, the judicial system and the pursuit of economic reform are some of the main priorities Romania has to address to meet the EU accession criteria. This follows from this proposal for a revised Accession Partnership proposed by the Commission. To recall, the Accession Partnerships are adopted by the Council of the European Union, on a proposal by the Commission. They identify short and medium-term priority objectives on which the candidate countries should focus their efforts in order to comply with the EU accession criteria. The pre-accession financial assistance provided by the EU supports the efforts of the candidates to meet these objectives. The first Accession Partnership for Romania was decided in March 1998 with updates approved in December 1999 and January 2002. On announcing the Roadmap for Romania's accession to the EU at the end of 2002, the Commission stated that it would propose a revised Accession Partnership in light of the findings of the 2002 Regular Report and the contents of the Roadmap. The revised Accession Partnership develops in more detail the short and medium-term issues identified in the Roadmap, namely the reform of public administration, the judicial system and pursuit of economic reform. The priorities thus identified are developed within the Accession Partnership and short and medium-term issues are detailed in order to provide a revised basis for the programming of pre-accession assistance to Romania.