On 11 April, the Senate adopted the Legea pentru protectia informatiilor clasificate (Act on the protection of classified information) in the version previously approved by Parliament (see IRIS 2001-5: 15).

The Act was adopted as a matter of urgency and was signed by the President on the same day.

The Act regulates access to information which is "classified" for reasons of defence, national security and law and order, or to which, as "classified information" of economic and political significance, access is restricted.

The Act entered into force on 12 April, when it was published in the Monitorul Oficial al României (Official Gazette) No. 248.

• Legea pentru protectia informatiilor, Monitorul Oficial al României Nr. 248 din 12 Aprilie 2002 (Act on the protection of classified information, Official Gazette No. 248 of 12 April 2002)