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**Recommendation**  
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**EU Decision Threatens Survival of Romanian  
Brown Bear Population**

WHEREAS the EU Scientific Review Group (SRG) has recently recommended that EU Member States do not permit trade in trophies of Romanian Brown bear;

CONSIDERING that Romania has one of the best managed and conserved Brown bear populations in the world;

CONSIDERING that the bear population in Romania, with 100-200 bears/1000 km<sup>2</sup> the highest density in Europe, is stable (over 6.000 specimens according to scientific counts), and that bears threaten livestock and even humans;

CONSIDERING that the hunting of the brown bear and the revenue from the hunting has been a prime motive, incentive and means for its conservation, as it is the base for the long-term co-existence of humans and bears;

CONSIDERING that the hunting of Brown bears is consistent with the Resolutions of the IUCN – The World Conservation Union, CGR 2, Res. 2.29 and CGR 3, Res. 073 as well as the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD);

WHEREAS the SRG based its negative opinion not on factual evidence but on arbitrary population figures.

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REQUESTS the EU Scientific Review Group to reconsider and withdraw its negative opinion.