

**ROMANIA**



THE PRESIDENT

**The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America  
The White House**

**January 2005**

**Dear Mr. President,**

On behalf of the Romanian people and myself, I take the joyous opportunity of your inauguration as President of the United States of America to warmly congratulate you and to convey my heartfelt wishes of success in pursuing your new mandate.

I recall with great pleasure our phone conversation at the beginning of my tenure as President of Romania, which has set the tone for a very close, friendly and productive dialogue, so important for the consolidation of Romania-US strategic partnership. I look forward to continuing our efforts to shape a privileged relationship between our countries aimed at ensuring security, stability, rule of law and democracy in the Black Sea region and beyond the Balkans, in Central Asia, Caucasus, and the Greater Middle East.

I would like to assure you that you can further count on Romania as a reliable NATO ally at the forefront of the war against terrorism and other emerging security threats. Our soldiers will continue to stand by the US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to give the people of these countries the opportunity for a better life. We are also committed to strengthening security and stability in our region by supporting the integration process of new countries from the Balkans and Black Sea area into the Euro-Atlantic family which shares the cherished values of freedom, democracy and prosperity.

Looking forward to meeting you soon to address all these international and regional security issues, please accept, dear Mr. President, my highest consideration and best regards.

**Respectfully yours,**

**Traian BĂSESCU**

**President of Romania**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Traian Bănescu', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.