Translation from Romanian by ACCEPT and the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) **Excerpts from Romanian civil code, adopted June 22, 2009**

Article 277: Interdiction or equating of forms of living together with marriage

- 1. same sex marriage is forbidden.
- 2. Same sex marriage contracted abroad whether between Romanian citizens or by foreign citizens are not recognized in Romania
- 3. Civil partnerships between opposite sex persons or same-sex persons, whether by Romanian citizens or foreign citizens are not recognized in Romania
- 4. Legal provisions regarding free movement in the territory of Romania of citizens from the EU member states and the EEA, are valid.

Article 258: Family

- 1. family is based on free consenting marriage between spouses, on their equality and on the right and obligation of parents to ensure the upbringing and education of their children.
 - 2. Family has the right to protection by society and the state
- 3. The state is obliged to support through economic and social measures the making of marriage, and the development and consolidation of the family
 - 4. In the context of the current code, spouses mean man and woman united through marriage

Article 259: Marriage

- 1. marriage is the freely consented union between one man and one woman made according to the law
 - 2. the man and the woman have the right to marry in order to constitute a family/have a family
 - 3. the religious marriage can happen only after a civil marriage
 - 4. the conditions to enter or nullify the marriage are established through this code
- 5. marriage is undone through the death or through the judicial statement regarding the death of one of the spouses
 - 6. marriage can be undone through divorce according to the law

Article 271: Consent to marriage

Marriage is performed between the man and the woman through their personal and free consent.

Article 462. Simultaneous adoption

- 1. two people cannot adopt together nor simultaneously, or consequently except if they are husband or wife
- 2. however a new adoption can be approved when
 - a. the adopter or the adoptive spouses passed away, the prior adoption is considered undone while the court decision to approve the new adoption is still valid
 - b. the prior adoption ceased for whatever reason
- 3. two persons of the same sex cannot adopt together.