

## **Summary of the cases delivered by the Constitutional Court in the 1st semester of 2016<sup>1</sup>**

In the period from 1 January 2016 to 30 June 2016, the Constitutional Court resolved 862 cases, issuing 501 decisions.

The time of the constitutional review/Powers in the exercise of which the aforementioned acts were issued

In this regard we note the following:

4 decisions were issued by means of the *a priori* constitutional review, i.e. in the exercise of the power provided for in Article 146 (a) of the Constitution – constitutional review of laws before promulgation;

501 decisions were issued by means of the *a posteriori* constitutional review, i.e. in the exercise of the power provided for in Article 146 (d) of the Constitution – settlement of exceptions of unconstitutionality of laws and ordinances.

Apart from the powers relating to the constitutional review of laws (*a priori* or *a posteriori*) and ordinances (*a posteriori*), the Court issued:

4 decisions in the exercise of its power provided for in Article 146 (c) of the Constitution - adjudication on the constitutionality of Parliament Standing Orders, upon referral from one of the presidents of the two Chambers, a parliamentary group, at least 50 Deputies or at least 50 Senators;

3 decisions in the exercise of its power provided for in Article 146(l) of the Constitution – settlement of other notifications provided for by the Court's organic law.

Solutions pronounced:

By the above decisions, the following solutions were pronounced:

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16 solutions of admission of the objection/exception/referral/request;

352 solutions of dismissal as unfounded of the objection/exception/referral/request;

76 solutions of dismissal as inadmissible or dismissal as having become inadmissible of the objection/exception/referral;

59 mixed solutions - dismissal as inadmissible/ having become inadmissible/ unfounded/ admission in part, as applicable, of the exception/referral of unconstitutionality.

Authors of referrals

The authors of the objections/exceptions/referrals/requests settled in the reference period are as follows:

2 referrals belong to the President of Romania;

9 referrals belong to MPs or to the presidents of the two Chambers of Parliament;

4 referrals belong to the Advocate of the People;

847 referrals belong to courts/parties to the proceedings.