

Fundamental Rules Of The Royal Family Of Romania

The Complete House Statute

The Royal House of Romania (Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen)

Enacted by the hand of HM King Michael I of Romania

To succeed all other Statutes and House Laws from the 30th Day of December 2007



Preamble

The Royal House of Romania (Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen) is governed by statute and tradition. In keeping with His Majesty's Command and with all modern requirements, these Fundamental Rules, enacted by the hand of King Michael I, Sovereign Head of the Royal House of Romania (Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen), by the Grace of God, Crowned King of Romania and jure sanguinis Grand Master of the Orders and Decorations of the Royal House of Romania, shall come into force on the 30th Day of December 2007. This document shall have its validity and power upon signature, by the King's hand. By this document, all earlier statutes and all privileges, styles, titles, rank and rights of Dynasts or their descendants are revoked. Our family traditions do and shall always include the Christian Orthodox faith, which shall also serve as a guiding principle in all future decisions. Whilst respecting the freedom of belief and conscience of the individual, all members of the Dynasty shall be members of the Christian Orthodox faith. We beseech God to protect our Royal Family and our beloved Church and Country.





CHAPTER I

THE ROYAL HOUSE OF ROMANIA

Article 1

Characteristics and Membership

1) The Royal House of Romania is an autonomous family community established and organised on the basis of the provisions of this Dynastic Statute, hereafter in force. Its membership shall comprise members by birth or members by marriage, only as set out by this document.

2) The Head of the Royal House of Romania, by all common practice and convention, is de jure or de facto Sovereign in terms of their authority over the Royal House of Romania, at any time. Immediately upon the death of the Head of the Royal House of Romania, without further proclamation, the Heir Apparent or Heir Presumptive, whichever shall be living and first in the line to the succession at that moment in time, shall from that moment assume the rank or style King or Queen, regardless of the Family's position as a reigning or non-reigning Dynasty and regardless of the fact that they may or may not later choose against the use of such style or designation.

3) In the event that an Heir Presumptive is the immediate successor, but a yet unborn Heir Apparent is anticipated, the

Heir Presumptive shall assume the role of a Regent until such birth, but shall have no powers to amend, alter or interpret the provisions of this Statute, except as set out herein. A successor who is a minor at the time of succeeding to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania shall have a Regent who shall act until the Head of the Royal House of Romania reaches his or her majority, but that Regent and/or the Head of the Royal House of Romania in his or her minority, shall have no powers to amend, alter or interpret the provisions of this Statute, or any other, except as set out herein. The Regency shall be appointed by the Dynastic members of the Royal House of Romania, through The Royal Family Council and may be removed by them.

4) The Head of the Royal House of Romania shall in any case not have any power to amend, alter or interpret the provisions of this Statute until he or she has reached their thirtieth anniversary.

5) The Dynastic heirs to King Michael I of Romania, are the heirs to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania and the current heirs are exclusively recognised by this Statute and are listed herein. They shall be the only dynasts, until such time

as others, by virtue of subsequent issue, are added as an amendment or annexe to this or any subsequent Fundamental Rules of the Royal House of Romania. All princesses of the blood of the Royal House of Romania shall cease to be a member of the Royal House of Romania upon marriage and shall take on the rank and style of their spouse, unless their continued membership of the Royal House of Romania is recognised, either by this Statute or, in future, are added as an amendment or annexe to this or any subsequent Statute of the Royal House of Romania. Any issue born to a female member of the Royal House of Romania shall not acquire membership of the Royal Family of Romania by birth, unless this Statute or any future document by the Head of the Royal House of Romania recognises such inclusion.

6) The descendants of the late King Carol II of Romania, by any collateral branch, shall maintain the style and rank accorded to them during the reign of His late Majesty King Carol II. According to the wish and precedence set by His late Majesty, such descendants shall continue to be excluded from the line of succession and shall not be members of the Royal House of Romania.

7) The female consort of the Head of the Royal House of Romania shall enjoy the style and rank of Queen throughout her marriage and widowhood, should the Head of the Royal House pre-decease her. The husband of a female Head of the Royal House shall have no rank, privilege or style by right, but these shall be acquired, ad personam, by decision of the Head of the Royal House of Romania. The wife of any prince of the Royal House of Romania shall have the rank and style of princess during their marriage or widowhood, provided that marriage has been recognized by the Head of the Royal House of Romania. Consorts, or princesses by marriage whose marriage is annulled or dissolved by divorce shall lose all rank,

style and privilege upon the end of the union, while a widowed consort who remarries shall retain their style and rank ad personam, which shall be non-transferable to any subsequent spouse or issue of any subsequent or previous union.

8) Membership of the Royal House of Romania is by free will and, following their majority, any member may renounce such rights at any time, at which point all style, rank and privilege attained by that member of the Royal House of Romania shall end. Such renunciation may only be made by a written declaration presented to the Head of the Royal House of Romania, who shall lay the declaration before the Royal Family Council and it shall then become effective thirty days following its presentation to the Royal Family Council, should the petitioner not have withdrawn their request by that date.

9) Renunciation of membership of the Royal House of Romania shall remove the former member of the Royal House of Romania from the line of succession for all time, but shall have no effect on the status, style and rank of their heirs and successors.

10) No person principally born as a member of a foreign Princely or Royal House can enter the Line of Succession of the Royal House of Romania or enjoy any other Dynastic privileges, without exception.

Article 2

Titles of members of the Royal House

1) The current Head of the Royal House of Romania is:

His Majesty Michael I, King of Romania (jure sanguinis) and Prince of Hohenzollern (ad personam).

2) The current Consort of the Head of the Royal House of Romania is:

Her Majesty Anne, Queen of Romania (ad personam) and Princess of Bourbon-Parma (jure sanguinis). Her Majesty shall retain this style, title and rank during her widowhood, should she be predeceased by the current Head of the Royal House of Romania.

3) A future consort, where female, of the Head of the Royal House of Romania shall bear the style, title and rank, along with their Christian name, of:

Her Majesty Queen of Romania (ad personam) and in accordance with Art. 1 (7).

4) The current Heir to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania is:

Her Royal Highness Margarita, Crown Princess of Romania (jure sanguinis) and Princess of Hohenzollern (ad personam), who shall be henceforth and will remain after my death Custodian of the Romanian Crown (ad personam).

5) The current consort of the Heir to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania is:

His Royal Highness Radu, Prince of Romania (ad personam) and Prince of Hohenzollern-Veringen (ad personam).

6) Members of the Royal House of Romania who shall have corresponding style, rank and title are:

Her Royal Highness Helena, Princess of Romania (jure sanguinis) and Princess of Hohenzollern (ad personam).

Her Royal Highness Irina, Princess of Romania (jure sanguinis) and Princess of Hohenzollern (ad personam).

Her Royal Highness Sophie, Princess of Romania (jure sanguinis) and Princess of Hohenzollern (ad personam).

Her Royal Highness Marie, Princess of Romania (jure sanguinis) and Princess of Hohenzollern (ad personam).

7) Nicholas de Roumanie Medforth-Mills, who shall assume the title, style and rank of Prince of Romania and Royal Highness (jure sanguinis) on 01 April 2010, upon his 25th anniversary, or immediately upon the demise of the current Head of the Royal House of Romania, which ever is sooner and at such a time shall enter the order of succession to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania, with full entitlement upon succeeding.

8) Where the future Head of the Royal House of Romania is female, her consort shall receive the title of "His Royal Highness The Prince Consort of Romania" (ad personam), and in accordance with Art. 1 (7), a title rank and style which will take precedence over any other title, Romanian or foreign, that he might have, for so long as they remain married and for so long as that the Head of the Royal House of Romania is living or remains Head of the Royal House of Romania.

9) Members of the Royal House of Romania will not accept foreign titles, decorations or awards without the written approval of the Head of the Royal House of Romania. Such foreign distinctions may only be accepted ad personam and shall be surrendered at any time the Head of the Royal House of Romania so decrees. No foreign distinction may take precedence over Romanian rank or honours.

10) Children or consorts of the members of the Royal Family of Romania who do not bear a Royal title, are not members

of the Royal Family of Romania, but members of the larger family of King Michael I and of the Royal House. A complete list of the larger family is included in the Genealogical Register of the Royal House of Romania.

Article 3 Citizenship and residence

- 1) All members of the Royal House of Romania will be or must seek to become Romanian citizens.
- 2) A Queen Dowager or the widow/ widower Consort shall have the right to live, for the remainder of their lives, at one of the royal residencies, as determined by the Head of the Royal House, but this right shall not extend to any subsequent or previous spouse or issue from any subsequent or previous union, following their death.
- 3) At present, the Elisabeth Palace is the official residence of the King and his family during his lifetime. Decisions regarding the royal residences can be revoked or changed by the Head of the family at any time. However, Savarsin Castle is to be the private property of the Head of the Family and Pelishor Castle is to be forever the Seat of the Royal Dynasty.

Article 4 Genealogical Register of the Royal House of Romania and Civil Status

- 1) The secretariat of the Head of the Royal House of Romania shall keep a register of all living members of the Royal House, called the Genealogical Register of the Royal House of Romania. The Head of the Household shall be authorized and

instructed to a duty to maintain the register properly and in good order.

- 2) The principles of Romanian law governing legal status shall apply, in so far as they are necessary to allow the enactment of this Statute. The keeping of the register shall allow clear information as to the order of succession to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania to be apparent at all times (Article 12 (1)).

- 3) All members of the Royal House are obliged to inform the Secretariat of the Head of the Royal House, without delay, of any event or circumstance that requires an entry or amendment to the register of status as maintained by the Secretariat. All relevant documentation shall be forward as soon as it is obtained or becomes available.

- 4) All documentation produced by the Secretariat shall be drawn up by the Secretariat and approved by the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

- 5) The register shall be open to inspection by members of the Royal House of Romania and other parties with the consent of the Head of the Royal House of Romania, to the extent permitted.

- 6) The use of literary and artistic pseudonyms is permitted, providing that the Head of the Royal House of Romania has authorised such use, as evidenced, in writing, but such permission is and remains revocable.

Article 5
Adoption and extra-marital issue

1) Adoption by a member of the Royal Family does not meet the consent of the Head of the Royal House of Romania. However, in the new circumstances of the European Union legislation, the Head of the Royal House of Romania cannot prevent an adoption.

2) If a member of the Royal House of Romania nonetheless wishes to adopt a person outside the family, they must notify the Head of the Royal House, prior to such an arrangement. Adoption within the family shall not change the order of succession to the Head ship of the Royal House.

3) Adoption cannot confer any of the titles, styles or privileges of the adopting individual to the adopted individuals in so far as the membership of the Royal Family and Dynasty or succession are concerned.

4) No issue of any member of the Royal House of Romania born outside a legally recognised marriage, or by any marriage that is subsequently declared to be void or illegal, shall be a member of the Royal Family of Romania.

Article 6
Coming of age

1) The coming of age of members of the Royal House of Romania shall be governed by the provisions of Romanian law.

Article 7
Marriage

1) The marriage of a member of the Royal House of Romania shall be subject to the consent of the Head of the Royal House of Romania in order for it to have dynastic significance.

2) A marriage that does not comply with paragraph (1) above shall not be recognized dynastically for any purpose and shall result in the forfeiture of all accompanying rights, honours, privileges and prerogatives as defined by this Statute.

Article 8
Divorce

1) The divorce of the Family members is subject to the consent of the Head of the Royal Family before the legal formalities are commenced for such a dissolution to be recognised Dynastically.

2) A divorce that does not comply with art (1) is not recognized dynastically.

3) Any member of the Royal House of Romania whose marriage is dissolved in contravention to art (1) shall lose their rights, privileges and the honours bestowed upon them as a member of the Royal House of Romania.

CHAPTER II

The Royal Family Council

Article 9
Composition and Attributions

- 1) The Royal Family Council is formed by the totality of the Royal Family Members, if such is less than 6, or by 6 members if there are more than 6 living members of the age of majority.
- 2) The Head of the Royal House of Romania shall appoint all the members of the Family Council.

3) The Family Council supports the Head of the Royal House of Romania in making decisions according to these Fundamental Rules and other applicable dispositions. All decisions and resolutions shall remain the sole preserve of the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

CHAPTER III

The Head of the Royal House of Romania

Article 10
The Line of Succession to the Crown of Romania

- 1) The line of succession to the Crown of Romania is regulated by Annex 1 of this Document.
- 2) The Head of the Royal House of Romania is King Michael I of Romania and thereafter those persons who subsequently succeed His Majesty according to Annex 1 and the terms and provisions of this Statute. The Head of the Royal House of Romania will act as: the Head of the Royal House, the President of the Royal Foundations and the Custodian of the Crown of Romania (except during the lifetime of the present Head of the Royal House of Romania, who has appointed, from the date of execution of this Statute, Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Margarita of Romania as Custodian of the Crown of Romania). Should any future heir succeed in his or her minority, the Royal Family Council shall decide on the

membership and functions of a Regency. Article 6 (1) shall apply.

3) The Head of the Royal House of Romania may amend the order of succession at any time, as evidenced by their hand and seal.

Article 11
Rights and Prerogatives for Dynastic purposes

- 1) The Head of the Royal House of Romania governs the family as a good parent.
- 2) The Head of the Royal House of Romania has the right to make decisions regarding, the proprieties of the Romanian Royal House and any other matter relating to the Royal House of Romania.

3) The Head of the Royal House of Romania ensures the keeping and the recognition of the rights, honours and prerogatives of the Royal House of Romania through all the means at his or her disposal.

4) The Head of the Royal House of Romania represents or appoints representatives in relation to the state authorities, in order to protect the wealth and the rights of the Royal House of Romania. The Head of the Royal House of Romania is the sole possessor of this right.

5) The Head of the Royal House of Romania, has and retains all rights *fons honorum* and may continue to award titles, decorations, orders, honours and medals. The Head of the Royal Family is and shall remain the Grand Master of the Order of Carol I, which is under the exclusive control of the Royal House of Romania. The Royal House of Romania shall appoint all members of all Dynastic Orders and their administration and granting shall be accompanied by proper records of recipients and awards and shall be administered in accordance with the decision of the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

CHAPTER IV

The Household of His Majesty the King

Article 12 Statute and Organisation

1) The Household of the Head of the Royal House of Romania is the administrative structure under the authority of the Head of the Royal House of Romania, organised in accordance with its rules and regulations.

2) It functions under the authority of the Master of the Household, who is appointed by the exclusive order of the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

3) The Household of the Royal House of Romania coordinates the management of the estates of the Royal House, according to the decisions of the Head of the Royal House of Romania; makes nominations for titles and awards; keeps all the members of the Royal Family informed of the decisions which concern or interest them.

4) The Household of the Royal House of Romania will have

a structure that is best suited to the accomplishment of its administrative duties.

Article 13 Duties

1) The Household of the Head of the Royal House of Romania performs the following main duties:

- a) administers the goods in ownership or use by the Head of the Royal House of Romania, according to his or her decision, including those in ownership or use by the Royal Family or those where the Royal Family carries out public or private functions;
- b) helps the members of the Royal Family to administer their own goods;
- c) keeps the inventory of the goods under a) and b);
- d) helps the members of the Royal Family in carrying out their engagements, regardless of their nature;
- e) organises the Genealogic Register of the Royal House of

Romania, as stipulated by art. 4 paragraph (3), as well as the Register of Royal Decrees;

f) performs the tasks outlined by the Head of the Royal House of Romania, internally or in relation with the state authorities and other entities, especially in matters of legal representation and protocol.

2) The Household of the Head of the Royal House of Romania may perform other tasks, as outlined by the Head of the Royal House of Romania, and is directly accountable.

3) The individuals authorised as delegates, Will executors, substitutes or representatives of the Royal House may not perform their mandate without written approval of the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

4) The individuals described under par. (3) must offer prompt and constant briefings to the Head of the Royal House of Romania on actions undertaken. Their mandate is revocable

at any time, by the Head of the Royal House of Romania, or in the event of a Regency, by the relevant Executive Authority, in writing and with immediate effect.

Article 14

Administering the Goods of the Royal Family

1) All real estate and heritage assets on Romania's territory, owned by a member of the Royal House of Romania will be registered with the relevant Romanian authorities and will be administered according to the owner's decisions and the applicable inheritance regulations.

2) The Head of the Royal House of Romania will name and appoint the executors of his/her last will and testament in that instrument.

3) Prior to waiving the rights to any property belonging to the heritage of the Royal House of Romania, its members must request the consent of the Head of the House.

CHAPTER V

Transitory and Final Dispositions

Article 15

Effect and amendments

1) This current document: Fundamental Rules of the Royal Family of Romania – The Complete House Statute - replaces all previous Family or House Statutes, rules and regulations.

2) It shall take effect from the date given herein and shall be irrevocable, except as defined herein, from the moment of signature and sealing by His Majesty King Michael I.

3) It may only be amended as defined herein and by the hand and seal of the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

4) All the members of the Royal Family of Romania shall receive an original copy of this Document signed by His Majesty King Michael I. The receipt of this document signifies its acceptance and permanent obligation of compliance.

5) Any amendment will be made according to paragraph (4), under the signature of the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

Article 16

Applicability and Interpretation

- 1) This current Document is universally applicable, without limit.
- 2) Its regulations shall be interpreted so as to have the maximal effect.
- 3) Should any section of these current Fundamental Rules of the Royal Family of Romania, The Complete House Statute be deemed, by any court, to be unenforceable for whatever reason, the remaining terms, conditions and obligations shall not be affected and shall remain valid and in force.

Article 17

Annexes

- 1) Annexes 1 and 2 are considered for all purposes as part of this Document: Fundamental Rules of the Royal Family of Romania, The Complete House Statute.
- 2) They may be modified, independently of this Statute, by Decision of the Head of the Royal House of Romania, as defined herein.

Article 18

Glossary of terms

- 1) The words “titles, honours and prerogatives” shall be interpreted in the widest possible sense and shall include those awarded by the applicable legislation, as well as those awarded

by courtesy and traditions to the Royal House of Romania.

2) The words “royal residences” will include, until the restoration of the Monarchy, the castles, villas and houses owned by the Head of the Royal House of Romania or members of the Royal House of Romania, as well as the Elisabeth Palace or any other residences made available by the Romanian state in accordance with the law.

3) The Heir Apparent is the immediate successor to the Head of the Royal House of Romania, at any time. The other individuals on the List of Succession are Heirs Presumptive, by order of birth.

We Command Our heirs to obey this Statute now and beyond Our death, as they represent Our final wish.

As such, We have signed the current Fundamental Rules,

Michael I,
Today, December 30, 2007, The Savarsin Castle, Romania

Annex I

We, Michael I,
By virtue of Our Sovereign authority as
Head of the Royal House of Romania and
in keeping with Our duty to History and
to the heirs of Our Family,
By Our own free will Decree and make
the following decision public:
A. The Line of Succession to the Throne
and to the Headship of the Royal House
of Romania is hereby set out.

1. *HRH Crown Princess Margarita of Romania, Custodian of the Crown of Romania*
2. *HRH The Princess Helena of Romania*
3. *Nicholas de Roumanie Medforth Mills (who shall become HRH Prince Nicholas of Romania on April 1, 2010, in accordance with the document of the Head of the Royal House of Romania, as set out on January 5, 2005; see Annex 2)*
4. *Elisabeta Karina de Roumanie*
5. *HRH The Princess Irina of Romania*
6. *Michael de Roumanie Kreuger*
7. *Angelica de Roumanie Kreuger*

8. *HRH The Princess Sophie of Romania*
9. *Elisabeta Marie Biarneix*
10. *HRH The Princess Marie of Romania*

B. In recognition of Romania's accession to the European Union and the obligations that underpin it, and in particular the European Convention on Human Rights, We hereby modify the principles and practice of Salic law, by exclusive male descent, which shall no longer be used in terms of determining the Succession to the Throne and to the Headship of the Royal House of Romania.

C. The Romanian Crown shall pass from the Head of the Royal House to the first male issue and, in absence of a male issue, to the subsequent female issue.

D. In the absence of direct descendants, the Crown shall be inherited by the eldest brother and, in the absence of one, by the eldest sister of the Head of the Royal House.

E. The place of the persons mentioned at paragraph D, if they are deceased, is occupied by their descendants, whereby male siblings shall take precedence.

F. The Line of Succession may be modified by the Head of the Royal House of Romania.

The line of succession to the throne shall be separated from the list of members of the Royal House of Romania, as evident in Article 1 of this Statute.

We Command Our heirs to obey this Annexe now and beyond Our death, as they represent Our final wish.

As such, We have signed the current Annexe,

Michael I,
Today, December 30, 2007, The Savarsin
Castle, Romania

Annex II

I, Michael I,

Under the full powers vested in me as Head of the Royal House of Romania, And in pursuit of My duty to history and to my Family heirs, In full conformity with the values and principles of the European Union which grant everyone the right to express his identity and aspirations, And acting on My own free will,

MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS PUBLIC:

1. My eldest daughter, The Princess Margarita, is to be my successor and Head of the Royal House of Romania, after my death. If the Romanian Nation and Parliament were to decide to reinstate the Monarchy as the form of government, I ask the Parliament to cease to implement the Salic-law as the form of succession, which does not correspond either to the elementary rights in Europe today, or to the values of Romanian society. Until these events should come about, The Princess Margarita will remain, after my death, Head of the Royal House of Romania and Custodian of the

Romanian Crown.

2. The Order of "Carol I" will be reactivated by the Royal House of Romania as a Family Order and completed with the inferior ranks that traditionally were missing. This decision should not be interpreted as being in contradiction to the awards and decorations granted by the President of Romania, but remains a dynastic, symbolic and family decision, as long as a change of the form of government does not occur. The Order of "Carol I" will be granted only by the Head of the Royal House of Romania and will distinguish personalities who helped the Royal Family in its effort to build a democratic, prosperous, free and dignified Romania, as a full member of the European and Transatlantic Family of Nations. Members of the Order will be entitled to wear its insignia in the presence of any member of my Family, as appropriate. However, the right to wear these decorations at other public occasions remains subject to the normal legal procedures and customs which currently operate in any country, including Romania.

3. I grant the husband of The Princess Margarita, Prince Radu, the title of "Prince of Romania", with the style of "Royal Highness". I take this decision in appreciation of his merits in the Family and to support him in the carrying out of his future engagements for Romania's development, which I highly appreciate. The title and style are granted ad personam and cannot therefore be transmitted. Prince Radu remains a non-dynastic member of the Romanian Royal House.

4. I grant my grandson, Nicholas, son of The Princess Helen, the title of "Prince of Romania" with the style of "Royal Highness". This decision will come into effect the day Nicholas will be 25 years old. I take this decision in order to help the sixth generation of my Family to serve the country, if they will prove to deserve such an honour.

5. Apart from the Queen and myself, my daughters and those specifically mentioned in this document, there is no other member of the Romanian Royal

House. Any additions to the members of the Royal House can only take effect if approved by the Head of the Royal House of Romania, in a specific and separate decree.

Michael R
Signed at Elisabeth Palace in Bucharest,
January 5, 2005
As such, We have signed the current
Annex,
Michael I,

Today, December 30, 2007, The Savarsin
Castle, Romania