

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting the Romania-United States Social Security Agreement
September 12, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Madam President:)

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95–216, 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith a social security totalization agreement with Romania, titled "Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Romania," and the accompanying legally binding administrative arrangement, titled "Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and Romania for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Romania" (collectively the "Agreements"). The Agreements were signed at Bucharest on March 23, 2023.

The Agreements are similar in objective and content to the social security totalization agreements already in force with 30 countries. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation and to help prevent the lost benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries.

The Agreements contain all provisions mandated by section 233 of the Social Security Act and, pursuant to section 233(c)(4), other provisions which I deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of section 233.

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report required by section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act and prepared by the Social Security Administration on the estimated number of individuals who will be affected by the Agreements and the Agreements' estimated cost effect. Also included are a summary of the main provisions and an annotated version of the Agreements with descriptions of each article. The Department of State and the Social Security Administration have recommended the Agreements to me.

I commend to the Congress the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Romania and the Administrative Arrangement between the Competent Authorities of the United States of America and Romania for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Romania.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Michael Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Kamala D. Harris, President of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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