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Romania: Invitation to 40th Anniversary Celebration of National Day

On 29 May the British and other Western Ambassadors in Bucharest were asked to transmit to their governments an invitation to send representatives "at the highest level" to celebrations in Bucharest from 20 to 24 August marking the 40th Anniversary of the Romanian National Day. The Romanian Ambassador has since called on instructions here to make it clear that the invitation included the Prime Minister.

A response is being coordinated in NATO and in the Ten. We have told our partners that in our view Ministerial attendance would be inappropriate and that we propose that HMG be represented by HM Ambassador Bucharest. This would be in line with normal practice at National Day celebrations. The Germans and Dutch have indicated that they too propose to be represented by their Ambassadors.

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