

Declaration of principles of the "GROUP FOR SOCIAL DIALOGUE"

The Group for Social Dialogue has been set up as an independent group, legally operating, from December 31, 1989. It aims to represent the moral conscience of our humiliated and destroyed society. We want to contribute to overcome the disaster and to regenerate our country.

The Group for Social Dialogue is an independent and strictly informal group, it is not subordinated to any political party, which rejects any cooperation with anybody connected with the old regime. The group does not wish to be a centre of power, but a centre of influence. Each member of the group has the right to hold his own views and political opinions and this will not affect in any way the status and the orientation of the group.

The Group for Social Dialogue is a centre of critical reflection on the fundamental problems facing Romanian civil society within a European context in terms of civilization, culture, politics, civil society of various disciplines, which aims to study the path of evolution and the organization of our society, based on human values and human rights.

The Group for Social Dialogue proposes to be a forum where economists, sociologists, political scientists, historians, philosophers, town planners and architects, writers, theologians and other who can search together with us for new strategies and solutions which Romanian civil society needs in the immediate future.

The Group for Social Dialogue organises open debates within different social groups such as students, workers, the armed forces, intellectuals, debates that were stifled by the old system. The themes of the debates are: pluralism, free trade unions, parliament, political parties, civil rights, human rights, the separation of power in the state, culture and its values, ecology, urbanistic development etc. These meetings are organized on regular basis starting January 15th, 1990.

The Group for Social Dialogue collects eye-witness accounts of still obscure events of December 1989, including photographs, written testimonies, video recordings etc.

The Group for Social Dialogue is issuing a weekly journal named "22" which reflects the new Romanian civil society in all its manifestations.