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ASPECTS CONCERNING LEAGUE OF NATIONS INVESTIGATION
ON THE PROJECT OF PRIVATE EDUCATION LAW FROM 1925
(Summary)

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This article aims to present some aspects regarding the complaints of the Hungarian minorities at League of Nations about the project of private education law of Dr. Constantin Angelescu, liberal Minister of Public Instruction, from 1925. These complaints represented one of the most important frames who showed the hostile relations between Romanian state and minorities in interwar Romania. The Private Education Law regulated the functioning of this type of schooling throughout the country, but also of the confessional one, very popular in some regions such as Transylvania. Through this law, the Ministry of Public Instruction organized this type of educations as a support point for the public education, aimed to impose fidelity of minorities towards the Romanian state, but also for a cultural homogenization of the entire population, by applying centralist policies, specific to Old Kingdom.

The initial form of the law, adopted by the Senate, was restrictive in terms of the education of the minorities, thus representatives of the Hungarian churches, as well as secular people from this ethnic communities filed several complaints at League of Nations, on the basis of the Romanian's states violation of the Minorities Treaty from 1919, considering Dr. Angelescu's initiative as discriminatory. The League analyzed in detail the issue of private education in Romania, concluding in March 1926 that the project, modified by the Assembly of Deputies in December 1925, ensured minorities the rights stipulated in the Minorities Treaty. However, the complaints of the Hungarian minority drove to controversies among Romanian's public opinion, some personalities considered them as acts of interference by the League in the internal politics of the Romanian state, in fact a violation of Romania's sovereignty.

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