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Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Archdiocesan Congress
Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas

Your Eminence,
Your Grace,
Reverend Clergy and Congress Delegates:

We fraternally inform you that the Congress of the Episcopate during its Friday and Saturday sessions of July 4 & 5 thoroughly discussed the proposal of the Joint Dialogue Commission. When brought to a vote, the delegates decided “to acknowledge the combined ‘Proposal to Establish a Romanian Orthodox Metropolitanate of North America’ as an acceptable basis to continue the work of the JDC towards a final proposal to be presented to the Romanian Orthodox Church.”

The Episcopate Congress recommended that we establish, as soon as possible, special committees: “A Constitution and By-Laws Committee,” “Jurisprudence Committee,” “Finance Committee,” and any other committees that may be necessary to satisfy State Law as regard to due diligence in the merger of two entities. Of course, the members of such committees should be from both of our eparchies and the work should be begun without delay.

May the Lord direct our steps toward all good works.

+NATHANIEL, Archbishop