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Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all every success in 2012, and good health and happiness for you and your families.

As you all know, there have been a number of changes to the Board of Directors of the BRCC and we have put together a programme for 2012 that we hope will provide something for everyone. Our Business Breakfast Briefings will resume later this month, and our first guest speaker is the Minister of Justice Catalin Predoiu. We are aiming to have monthly briefings for the first six months of the year, and we will be concentrating initially on issues relating to corporate governance and will then turn to matters relating to the economy. We will also have the British Ambassador as guest speaker – probably in April – to give an update on HM Government's view of relations between the United Kingdom and Romania with emphasis on the opportunities for bilateral investment. After the summer break the Briefings will resume.

We will also continue to develop ideas relating to key issues in Romania. We have an active working party on PPP in Romania and it will be producing a report in the next two or three months. We also are working with Government in relation to several new initiatives. We have participated in discussions on improving Competitiveness in Romania, and we have ongoing dialogue with the Ministry of Justice on issues of transparency and business. We have also attended meetings with ANAF and the Ministry of Finance and these are part of an ongoing initiative.

We intend to continue to develop relationships with other Chambers of Commerce. The joint mixer with the Canadian business community was an outstanding success and early this year I hope to meet with the Chairmen of the EU bilateral Chambers to discuss areas of mutual co-operation. This is being done in conjunction with the Netherlands Chamber, and I am hoping that the outcome will be joint meetings with members, and also a joint approach on suitable topics of interest to our members.

We have plans for organising conferences. One is already scheduled for 22 February in London, the topic being opportunities for investing in Healthcare in Romania. We are also working on some proposals for other conferences both in London and Bucharest.

A new feature this year will be Business English classes for members in the first quarter. The initial response has been very encouraging. If enrolments continue at their present rate we will repeat the course in the second quarter.



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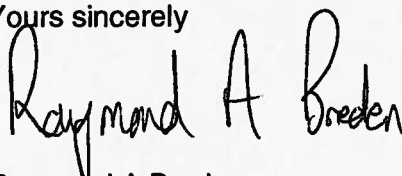
We have also had constructive discussions with the British Embassy regarding mutual co-operation in a number of areas. Liviu Buzila (the new Trade Secretary) and the Ambassador HE Martin Harris OBE have been extremely helpful, as have their staff.

Turning to people, it was my pleasure to announce that Princess Marina Sturdza accepted the position of Patron to the BRCC with CSR responsibilities. Marina has extensive experience in this field, and played a considerable part in the BRCC winning two awards for the best British Chamber of Commerce CSR programmes. We also welcome two new Vice-Chairmen – Lucian Danilescu and Diana Deleanu, and also welcome Dr Stan Dunlop as newly appointed Treasurer. I wish them every success.

There will be further organisational changes this year. Anne-Marie Martin, our CEO, is leaving the BRCC on 30 June 2012 to become Director General of COBCOE. I will be making a more fulsome tribute nearer the date, but the contribution that she has made to the BRCC is inestimable, and she will be greatly missed. In advance of her leaving, the organisational structure of the BRCC has been changed. Agata Stefan has been promoted to Executive Director Romania with effect from 1 January 2012 reporting directly to me. Nicole Ion, who is PR and Marketing Director in the UK will continue in that role but will report directly to me. Both Agata and Nicole will be assisted by local staff. Anne-Marie will continue to provide her invaluable input and will also spend time on transitioning the BRCC into the new structure. I will be Executive Chairman.

Of course none of this is possible without the support of three key elements. The first is Anne-Marie. The second is the Board of Directors, whom I wish to thank for their support and input, and I look forward to working with them in 2012. The third is you the members. You are the BRCC, and I and the Board of Directors always remember that it is us working for you, because without members we have no BRCC.

Yours sincerely



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