

**OPENING WORDS OF H.E. BRÂNDUȘA IOANA PREDESCU,
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DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE,

It is an honour for me to take part in the opening of the bilateral round-table entitled The beginning of the Bulgarian- Romanian Military Friendship. I am particularly enthusiastic about having such a debate today, since it takes places at the most appropriate moment. In 2022 we mark the 15th anniversary of the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the European Union, the 30th anniversary of the signing, in Sofia, of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Good Neighbourliness between Romania and Bulgaria, as well as 145 years since the war that led to the Independence of Romania and Liberation of Bulgaria.