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## **SZILI URGES ROMANIA HUNGARIANS TO RESUBMIT ETHNIC MINORITY BILL**

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In the interview, Szili suggested that Romania Hungarians work together on an education bill, too, and added that Hungarian deputies should promote a position in the Romanian legislation which is backed by the whole Hungarian community.

Concerning endeavours to achieve territorial autonomy for ethnic Hungarians living in a large bloc in Romania, Szili noted that ethnic Hungarian parties RMDSZ, MPP, and SZNT now agreed that, geographically, the desired status should cover the historical area of Szekler Land. Whether Romanias constitution should be amended to grant autonomy to that region can be decided when we are at the bridge; we should cross it once we have at all established dialogue with the Romanian majority, she added.

Szili said she hoped that the Romanian government would realise that the Hungarian community is not seeking ways to break away from Romania but to achieve self-government and self-determination within the Romanian state based on the European Unions subsidiarity principle.

I ask the Romanian government and state for nothing other than to consider leaders of the Hungarian communities as partners and at least sit down with them and clarify the terminology, Szili said in her interview.

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