

Dear sirs,

With respect to your email that you have submitted regarding a potential suspicion of plagiarism, we appreciate and support the initiatives of the committee to identify the plagiarized articles.

Analyzing with thoroughness the explanations submitted to you regarding the copying of same information from other works belonging to different authors we have concluded the following:

- With respect to the article. "Summary of Background Papers", The Transition to a Green Economy: Benefits, Challenges and Risks from a Sustainable Development Perspective, Report by a Panel of Experts to the Second Preparatory Committee Meeting for United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, published by José Antonio Ocampo, 2011, the author was properly quoted at the beginning of paragraph 5 from page 134 as well as in the bibliography at position 4.
- With respect to the UNEP (2010) report. We have referred to general concepts regarding green economy, largely recognized in literature.
- With respect to the UNEP report, undated "Frequently Asked Questions about Green Economy", United Nations Environment Programme. We would like to inform you that at the moment at which the article was developed, in order to be able to better fundament the article several data bases and public reports issued by UNEP, including the one mentioned by you, but also the original report called United Nations (2011) Working towards a balanced and inclusive green economy. A United Nations system-wide perspective which comprises at page 164 information regarding the classification made by UNEP regarding the indicators. The report was quoted in the report's bibliography at position 8.

We would add the fact that indeed, due to an error, not all quotes have quotation marks, but, following the email that you have submitted, the editor of the magazine was informed and the necessary corrections were agreed, so that the quotation marks were included for the quotations listed.

In the case of the article published in the magazine "Economie teoretica si aplicata (Theoretical and applied economics)" called "Green economic growth premise for sustainable development," we did not intend to plagiarize the works of other authors or international programmes.

I state that the quotation of the research performed by Ocampo and the quotations from the reports developed by UNEP was performed in order to be able to present more exactly the scientific research made at international level regarding the green economy and to be able to reveal the situation which exists in Romania, as it results from the research performed within the article and to propose effective solutions.

The article was subject to a double review; the first review was performed by the scientific committee of the scientific conference where it was presented, as well as by the experts to which it was presented; following this review the article was selected by a commission of Romanian specialists in the field in order to be published in the magazine. The article was sustained in 2012 and published in 2013; up to the current moment, no

other notification related to the possibility that this article would be a plagiarism was received.

At the moment at which the article was developed the legal requirements regarding the author's rights which regulate the plagiarism were observed; in this respect, I mention the provisions of Law no. 8/14 of March 1996 on copyright and neighboring rights, art.33, paragraph 1 , letter b *“The following uses of a work previously made known to the public shall be permitted without the author's consent and without payment of a remuneration, on condition that these be in agreement with good usage, without running counter to the normal exploitation of the work, and without any prejudice to the author or to the holders of the exploitation rights...b) the use of brief quotations from a work for the purpose of an examination, commentary, criticism, or exemplification, to the extent to which their use justifies the extent of the quotation. “*

The work that I have developed is a scientific work of analysis and comparison of some indicators which indicate the situation in the field of Romania's green economy reported to the international situation, and under these circumstances I have used data and quotes from international public reports that I have quoted in my work strictly observing the provisions of the above-mentioned law on copyright and neighboring rights.

In case you request detailed explanations to certain paragraphs of the work please do not hesitate to contact me for additional comments.

Yours faithfully,

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