

STATEMENT

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"25 YEARS IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS, PROMOTION OF DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA. THE RIGHT TO REHABILITATION. PREVENTION OF TORTURE AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. COMBATING IMPUNITY".

***For the attention of national authorities,
International institutions and
Diplomatic missions of the Republic of Moldova***

Considering that,

- ✓ Torture, inhuman and/or degrading treatment and other forms of violence are serious violations of human rights, targeting human dignity and value;
- ✓ The consequences are serious for women, men or children, as well as for society as a whole;
- ✓ Rehabilitation requires time and expensive services (medical, psychological, legal and social), which can be a financial burden for victims and their family.
- ✓ Impunity persists and victims are still discriminated, silenced and their rights are not respected, as it is provided for by international standards and instruments;

Regarding the phenomenon of torture and Gender-Based Violence (GBV), reaffirming that,

- ✓ The Republic of Moldova has undertaken commitments at the international level, by signing Conventions and other international instruments, for the respect of human rights;
- ✓ The State is responsible for prohibiting, preventing and combating torture and ill-treatment in places of detention, as well as GBV and various forms of individual or collective violence (including manipulation, disinformation, brainwashing, obscene or hate speech, etc., which are spread on various social platforms and have a destructive impact on the entire society);
- ✓ The investigation and documentation of torture and ill-treatment must be carried out in accordance with the UN Manual (Istanbul Protocol), in order to understand the after-effects on victims;
- ✓ Victims of torture have the right to rehabilitation, restitution and reparation, according to art. 14 of the UN Convention against Torture, as well as to the [Law 137 \(2016\), "On rehabilitation of victims of crimes"](#), also valid for victims of GBV;
- ✓ Identification and assistance to victims can contribute to increased awareness, recognition and cessation of any practices of torture and ill-treatment in institutions under state control;

We express our solidarity with victims of torture and of other forms of violence from Moldova (including from Transnistrian region), as well as with their family members, ***we remind the obligations of the Republic of Moldova and we demand from the representatives of state institutions to ensure the following:***

- 1) Ensure the protection and respect of the fundamental human rights, in all the circumstances and conditions of being in state custody;
- 2) Eradicate the phenomenon of torture and other forms of violence, of the inhuman, cruel and/or degrading treatment;
- 3) Rehabilitation of victims must represent an effective response to their needs, through comprehensive services, offered free of charge, and must be included in the funding priorities of the state and development partners;
- 4) Ensure the effective mechanisms for monitoring of the places of detention, including by representatives of civil society and for registering complaints;

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- 5) Ensure the safe operation (physically and financially) of NGOs that provide independent and effective support to victims, in order to facilitate their access to rehabilitation services;
- 6) Ensure unhindered access to justice and effective and prompt remedies, as well as adequate means of compensation and reparation for victims;
- 7) Implement international and national commitments to eradicate torture, ill-treatment and other forms of violence, with creation of public monitoring and periodic reporting mechanisms;
- 8) Annual contribution to the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT), together with other States Parties to the UN Convention Against Torture;
- 9) Create a European Fund for Victims of Torture, to ensure access to rehabilitation and justice.

In the context of the Republic of Moldova's European integration path, we remind everyone that respecting human rights, preventing torture and gender-based violence, as well as ensuring the rehabilitation of victims, constitute essential obligations for achieving the political criteria for accession to the European Union.

The effective implementation of these commitments strengthens citizens' trust in the rule of law, contributes to the alignment of the national justice and social protection system with European standards and demonstrates the firm commitment of the Republic of Moldova to building a society based on the dignity, freedom and solidarity.

Human value is supreme!

Only through effective support for victims of torture, inhuman treatment and other forms of violence, we can demonstrate the unequivocal determination and a clear commitment to fight against these phenomena and against impunity in each individual case!

Signatories:

1. A.O. RCTV Memoria
2. Ambasada Drepturilor Omului din Moldova/ Human Rights Embassy
3. Centrul de Resurse Juridice din Moldova / Legal Resource Center of Moldova
4. A.O. Promo-LEX
5. Amnesty International Moldova
6. Institutul pentru Drepturile Omului din Moldova/ The Institute for Human Rights in Moldova
7. Natalia Moloșag, Lawyer
8. Platforma pentru Egalitate de Gen/ Platform for Gender Equality

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