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The rights of the politically oppressed must be restored in the Republic of Moldova

Written declaration No. 679

This written declaration commits only those who have signed it

We, the undersigned, declare the following:

We are closely following the developments in the Republic of Moldova, with a particular focus on the fulfilment of its commitments towards the Council of Europe.

We stand ready to co-operate with the new Moldovan legitimate Government in the field of necessary reforms in order to free State institutions captured by Plahotniuc's regime.

In this context, we are concerned about the fate of politically persecuted persons: lawyers Ana Ursachi, Eduard Rudenco and Ion Cretu, judges Domnica Manole, Dorin Munteanu and Gheorghe Balan, politicians Gheorge Petic and Grigore Petrenco, civil activist Pavel Grigoriuc, key witnesses Sergiu Cebotari and Valentin Esanu, who have become victims of defamatory campaigns and criminal cases.

We condemn the actions of the former Moldovan authorities, which took part in the forcible transfer of seven Turkish teachers to Turkish prisons (judgment of the European Court of Human Rights *Ozdil and others v. the Republic of Moldova* of 11 June 2019) and call on the new Moldovan Government to provide their safe return to the Republic of Moldova.

We hereby urge the new Moldovan authorities to ensure that all political reprisals are stopped and all persecuted persons are set free and have their rights restored.

Signed (see overleaf)



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Attacks on civil society, independent media and opposition in the Republic of Moldova must end

Written declaration No. 669

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According to the latest *Report on the implementation of the European Union Association Agreement with Moldova (A8-0322/2018)* adopted by the European Parliament, the Republic of Moldova remains trapped by oligarchic interests, with economic and political power in the hands of Vlad Plahotniuc exerting his influence on parliament, the government and State administration, police, judiciary and media.

We are deeply concerned that the abuse of power of the country's parliament, used to persecute the leading opposition parties, judges, lawyers and international NGOs struggling for the rule of law and human rights, constitutes a serious harm for the reputation of the Moldovan authorities.

The recent attacks on the Open Dialogue Foundation and its leader, Lyudmyla Kozlovska, including a large defamation campaign, a parliamentary investigation commission and, possibly, a criminal prosecution, set a dangerous precedent paving the way for similar persecution of other critical organisations. It is an urgent warning for the European and international community.

We fully support the call of the European Parliament to the Moldovan authorities to address these concerns. The persecutions must immediately end or those responsible for them have to be held accountable, including Magnitsky-like sanctions for violating both local laws and the country's international obligations, while benefiting from the widespread corruption.

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Doc. 14649

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Calling on the Republic of Moldova to restore the rule of law

Written declaration No. 665

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The members of the Parliamentary Assembly are deeply concerned by the lack of justice independence and subordination of justice to particular political interests which are worsening in the light of the latest events in the Republic of Moldova.

The risk to be subject of revenge for delivering justice not supporting interests of the current power holding structures and fear of being prosecuted for ruling against oligarchic interests is perceived by the entire justice system as real and imminent, especially due to complete ignorance of international calls expressed in the written declarations Nos. 644, 637 and 614.

As mentioned in the report on "New threats to the rule of law in Council of Europe member States: selected examples" (Doc. 14405), developments that confront the entire justice system seem to be the major usurpation of functional independence of judges and lawyers, for example in the case of judge Domnica Manole.

Moreover, the lack of guarantees against such abuses is aggravated by illegal interference of secret services which are guided by political forces.

One example is the latest abduction of seven Turkish teachers, asylum seekers in the Republic of Moldova, taken by force by the Moldovan Intelligence and Security Service and delivered to Turkey for imprisonment.

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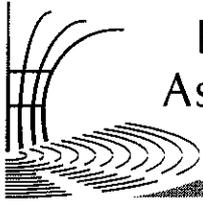


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The authorities of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine are urged to cease harassment and political prosecution of pro-reform forces

Written declaration No. 637

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Both the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine have signed European Union Association Agreements (AA), agreeing to fulfill European Union requirements regarding the implementation of extensive reforms.

It is our serious concern that, as of the end of 2016, the indicators of the reform implementation in Ukraine have gradually dropped. Moreover, a dangerous policy of the government-led reprisals against pro-reform forces and activists, including the ruling coalition's own MPs, such as Svitlana Zalishchuk, has been observed. It is unacceptable that representatives of Self Reliance and Democratic Alliance political parties, including Andriy Sadovyi and Maksym Cherkasenko; activists of the anti-corruption watchdog 'Anti-Corruption Action Centre', such as Alexandra Ustinova, and investigative journalists become victims of political persecution and harassment.

An even more worrying situation is observed in the Republic of Moldova, as underlined in the Written Declaration No. 623 and Resolution No. 1955 (2013). We hereby condemn the political pressure on judges who refuse to issue politically motivated decisions and arrest warrants, e.g. in the case of Ana Ursachi. We hereby urge the authorities to implement the recommendations of the Venice Commission, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the European Union on the new electoral law.

The authorities of both States must honour their accession commitments and cease political prosecution and harassment.

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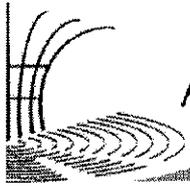


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The functioning of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova

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In the draft resolution, after paragraph 11.2, insert the following paragraph:

"do everything possible to terminate all existing politically motivated criminal cases against political activists and their lawyers, which were initiated by the previous regime as the result of political interference in the judiciary and law enforcement as mentioned in the report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (Doc. 14405)."

