



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch and with reference to the urgent appeal UA G/SO 214 (67-17) Assembly and Association (2010-1) G/SO 214 (107-9) MDA 1/2013 concerning the allegations of threats of homophobic violence against Ms. Angela Frolov, Lobby and Advocacy program coordinator of the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre and Ms. Doina Ioana Straisteanu, lawyer who represents the interests of the organization in court.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the to Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures Branch the assurances of its highest consideration. *v.m.*

Geneva, 9 April 2013



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**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council
Geneva**

The Republic of Moldova attaches a great importance to the Human Rights standards and proper implementation of the legislation in force, in particular on anti-discrimination chapter.

As regards the allegations to threats of homophobic violence directed at Ms. Angela Frolov, Lobby and Advocacy program coordinator of GENDERDOC-M Information Centre, and Ms. Doina Ioana Straisteanu, lawyer who represents the interests of the organization in court, there are the following state of play :

The Art. 32 of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, provides „(1) All citizens are guaranteed the freedom of opinion as well as the freedom of publicly expressing their thoughts and opinions by way of word, image or any other means possible.

(2) The freedom of expression may not harm the honour, dignity or the rights of other people to have and express their own opinions or judgements.

(3) The law shall forbid and prosecute all actions aimed at denying and slandering the State or the people. Likewise shall be forbidden and prosecuted the investigations to sedition, war, aggression, ethnic, racial or religious hatred, the incitement to discrimination, territorial separatism, public violence, or other actions threatening constitutional order.”

Thus, the respect for human rights, the promotion of the rule of law represents the legal basis of any modern democratic state, as well as the security of the person is a principle guaranteed by the Constitution.

Moreover, the Law on Ensuring Equality entered into force on 1 January 2013.

According to the information the representatives of GENDERDOC-M submitted a complaint to the police inspectorate of Bălți on the events that took place both in Court during the process and outside of it. According to the Art. 274 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the object of investigation constitutes the violation of the principle of equal rights by the local authorities, as elucidated in Ms. Doina Ioana Straisteanu complaint. The following request is to be examined. At the end of the investigation, the Prosecutor Office of Bălți will decide the existence or absence of criminal elements in accordance with Art. 274 of the Criminal Procedure Code.