



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
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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 High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedure Branch, and has the honour to transmit herewith the response of the Government of the Republic of Moldova to the Joint Urgent Appeal no. *UA/MDA 1.2015* dated 10 February 2015, of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; Special Rapporteur on the right to peaceful assembly and association and Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief.

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 Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedure Branch, the assurances of its highest consideration. *ym*



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Courtesy translation

The relevant national institutions have conducted an investigation in response to UN Special Rapporteurs pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 25/2, 24/5, 22/20 regarding the case of the associations Falun Dafa and Qigong Falun Gong Moldova, and present its official data concerning this problem.

On 28 January 2015, the Supreme Court dismissed the appeals of Falun Dafa and Qigong Falun Gong Moldova, as well as the appeal of the Ministry of Justice, and ordered to include the associations' emblem in the State Registry of Extremist Material, thus the Appeal Court's decision (2 April 2014) was maintained. The decision is irrevocable from the time of issue.

In the light of art. 120 of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova execution of judgments and other final court decisions are required.

Moreover, art. 16 paragraph (1) and (2) of the Civil Procedure Code of the Republic of Moldova states : "*decisions, orders, ordinances and final court decisions ... are binding for all public authorities, public associations, individuals official organizations and individuals and must be executed strictly on entire territory of the country. Unjustified failure to execute these judicial acts ..., attract the liability under this Code and other laws*".

On 24 February 2015, by the order no. 56 of the Minister of Justice, the "Falun" symbol was included in the State Register of Extremist Materials, similar to the Nazi symbol "swastika". This order was published in the Official Journal.