



**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 Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council and, with reference to the latter's Letter of 17 May 2013 (Reference: *UA G/SO 214 (67-17) Assembly and Associations (2010-1) G/SO 214 (107-9) MDA 2/2013*) has the honour to enclose herewith the response provided by the relevant Moldovan authorities.

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 presents its compliments to the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council the assurances of its highest consideration. *v.m.*



Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council
Geneva

The response of the Government of the Republic of Moldova to the request of information by Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council

Reference: (Letter of 17 May 2013)

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On April 25th, 2013, [REDACTED] presented a request at the Chisinau municipality in order to schedule on May 19th 2013 a march "LGBT for traditional values". The organizers indicated that there were expected 50 participants.

In parallel in the mass-media and social networks, as well as at the Chisinau municipality were presented a series of claims from civil society organizations and religious associations (12 claims), ordinary citizens, criticizing [REDACTED] initiative and announcing the intention to organize public protests against the above-mentioned march.

Consequently, 5 organizations which registered their claims at the Chisinau city hall mentioned expressly that they will provoke public disorder and tensions among the crowds.

At the same time, the Police General Inspectorate of Chisinau has informed the local public administration about the created circumstances and the possible risks related to the expected March and requested the application of the provisions of art. 14, para (4) of the *Law nr. 26 on the associations* (22.02.2008), in order to change the conditions of carrying the event (date, form, place) in order to quiet the spirit in society. .

The legal representative of [REDACTED], Mrs. Ioana Straisteanu, was informed about the risks related to the passage of the March on the initial route.

In order to ensure public order, Chisinau municipality requested through the legal procedure at the Centru Court, according to the art. 14, para (4) of the above-mentioned Law, with the purpose to change the conditions of parade (time, place, form). On May 18th, 2013, the Court issued a judicial decision regarding the modification of the time from 12:00 to 11:00 and to transfer the parade from the city Centre to the Valea Morilor park, thus aiming to ensure safety and security of the participants, to avoid imminent altercations and to exclude the risks of fatalities.

On May 19th starting with 11:00, the participants of the event had the following itinerary: Embassy of the United States of America – N. Iorga str. During the parade, the subdivisions of the Police General Inspectorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs ensured attendees safety with the restriction of access for citizens to the event and cease of public transport. Thus, there were undertaken prompt measures in order to prevent breach of public order and to guarantee the constitutional right to freedom of assembly and association. Consequently, there were registered no violations of public order.