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**To the members of the ad hoc delegation  
of the European Parliament to the Republic of Moldova:**

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**Dear Excellencies,**

The Republic of Moldova encounters severe violations of human rights. Following the manifestations on 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2009, when the presidential and parliament buildings were seized by the protesters, the Moldovan police unleashed a wave of mass terror and intimidation against the citizens. Youth, including minors, has been particularly targeted. Journalists who did not participate in the protests were arrested along with protesters, both violent and peaceful. We condemn the acts of terror, violence, intimidation, and repression of unprecedented brutality which the authorities have committed against Moldovan citizens, especially the young (including minors), following the April 7, 2009 protests.

The police acted in full force and have been arresting people on the street, students in high schools, universities and youth hostels, but also church attendants returning from the Easter mass. The arrest procedure is not followed through. Those apprehended, men or women, are beaten with cruelty and subjected to inhumane and degrading treatment. There are reports of torture, rapes and several cases of deaths. Three deaths have been documented (those of Valeriu Boboc, Ion Țibuleac and Eugen Tapu), of which the first was undoubtedly a result of the police's use of force between the night of April 7<sup>th</sup> and now, and not as a result of the protests. We do not exclude the possibility that there are more such cases being covered up.

Not all arrests have been reported. There are still parents in search of their missing children to whom access to their children's whereabouts is denied. We report that according to the information we have at least 3 disappeared persons: Serghei Donici, 19 years old; Alexandru Galinschi, 27 years old; and Tudorache Mihail, 23 years old.

Those released contend that the arrested are kept in dreadful conditions (15-20 people in a 10 m<sup>2</sup> cell), beaten with brutality and compelled to sign under false statements. Spot trials are held in police premises with no or limited access to defense. The access to detention facilities is denied including to lawyers and human rights organizations. The repeated requests of the mayor of Chisinau to access the detention facilities were irrefutably turned down. Those arrested have not received food or water for 48 hours or more. The hospitalization of those who are mistreated is refused (see the case of Vadim Ungureanu – hospitalization refused by judge and prosecutor, though an ambulance was called, while a medical council requested the patient's admission to a hospital).

The Minister of Internal Affairs (MAI) presents incorrect and incomplete information about the arrests that have taken place. According to the MAI, 172 people were arrested and penalized following the protests (<http://www.mai.md/stirile-min-ro/216738/>). However, on the basis of calls from the family members of those who have disappeared and of the accounts of those who have been freed, the Mayor's Office of the City of Chisinau has created a database with at least 318 people who have been arrested and penalized ([www.chisinau.md](http://www.chisinau.md)). We have accounts that show that some of those who have been arrested were not issued arrest reports and do not appear in the records of the MAI, though they have been detained and maltreated. We estimate that the total number of those pursued by the police surpasses 1000. In order to cover up the cases of

maltreatment, those arrested have been sent to police stations and prisons outside of Chisinau. There is information that in order to hide the abuses, the detained citizens are transported in other municipalities like Taraclia, Vulcanesti.

To this day the government has rejected measures undertaken by NGOs and local authorities to defend human rights in the police stations and prisons in the Republic of Moldova where violence against detainees takes place. There are documented threats against those who have offered testimony against the police and against the violence used during the period of their detention. Vadim Ungureanu was threatened that “he would not escape with alife if he continues to talk to the press” about what happened to him.

The Mayor’s Office of the City of Chişinău notes with regret that the communist regime continues to terrorize the civilian population in the capital of Moldova. Although an end to the repressions was announced, we continue to document cases of the use of physical force by the police against Moldovan citizens. The government has a cynical and irresponsible attitude. Besides the fact that those detained are beaten, tortured, and subjected to inhumane and degrading treatment, the police levy fees on those arrested for the period of their detention, and officials of the Republic of Moldova have dared to say that it was not lesions that were found on the bodies of victims of repression, but paint.

We reiterate the fact that, while the law of the local public administration (art. 29, alin.1) lit.t)) stipulates as a basic attribute of the mayor the verification of violations of the law committed by individuals or organizations within the municipal jurisdiction, nevertheless the course of the past week the access of the mayor as well as that of representatives of the mayor’s office to the places of detention has been constantly impeded. We express our regret that the representatives of international institutions, organizations for the protection of human rights, and the press have not had and do not have access to the places of detention. Likewise, we are worried about the fact that to date special missions to verify the situation on site in the places of detention have not been sent or created.

We call for an international investigation of the severe and massive violations of human rights reported in the Republic of Moldova over last 21 days. The victims demand a prompt and efficient response. With this letter we request the immediate involvement of the international community, and we insist upon:

- An end to the inhumane and degrading treatment and torture in the places of detention;
- The cessation of terror, kidnapping, threats, and intimidation;
- The ensuring of access to the places of detention by lawyers, NGOs, and the press;
- The guarantee of the rights of persons who are detained, especially the right to defense in court;
- A complete report on the detentions carried out and the charges brought;
- The punishment of those guilty of committing the abuses mentioned.

**We express our hope that the European Parliament will take attitude and will pass a Resolution regarding the situation in the Republic of Moldova. Meantime the European Union will have a possibility to analyze further its approach towards the Moldovan Government, taking into account that previously, in the last 10 years, at least 8 resolutions of the European Parliament regarding Moldova were passed, but no real improvement of the democracy occurred. The lack of: respect for human rights, freedom of expression, independence of media, independence of justice, local autonomy etc, became already a tradition. The disregard of the Moldovan Government for the fundamental European and international values should not be tolerated anymore.**

Respectfully,

Dorin Chirtoacă,  
General Mayor of the Municipality of Chisinau

## Evidences and Pictures:

Herein are the brief information and audio/video testimonies of those people who were arrested, abused and kidnapped. Unseful links: [www.jurnaltv.md](http://www.jurnaltv.md), [www.protv.md](http://www.protv.md), [www.unimedia.md](http://www.unimedia.md); [www.unimedia.md](http://www.unimedia.md);

1. **Sergiu Cretu –bone fracture of humerus (arm):** 23 years old, peaceful protester, beaten at the police station. For his own secure,
2. **A young person, who request anonymity – bone fracture of humerus (arm), cerebral concussion, muscles contusions/bruises:** 23 years old, peaceful protester, beaten in the Park by the police which were civilian-dressed and in uniform.



3. **A young person, who request anonymity – torture, cerebral concussion, muscles contusions/bruises:** 19 years old, did not participate in any protests, insulted, humiliated and beaten at the police station.



4. **Popa Andrei – cerebral concussion, facial contusion/bruises:** 18 years old, did not participate in any protest, beaten at the police station, received no food and water during 24 hours, were arrested 22 people in 12 m<sup>2</sup>.



5. **Roscot Denis - cerebral concussion, nasal bones fracture, facial contusion:** 20 years old, student, peaceful protester, beaten at the police station, forced to sign a false statement, handcuffed to the hospital bed for one night.

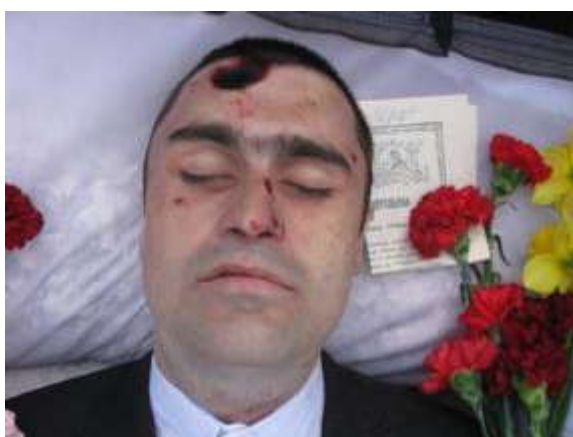


6. **Damian Hancu – torture, cerebral concussion, fracture of the arm fingers, muscle contusions/bruises:** student at the Faculty of Law in Lyon, France. 23 years old, peaceful protester, did not participate in violent actions. Was held by the civilian-dressed state police, on April 7, in the center

of Chisinau, as a result of discussions with Swedish journalists. After being tortured, by the policemen during several hours, he was forced to sign a false statement - guilty for instigation and bribed by the opposition to participate in protests. Herein you can find attached the audio/video testimony of Damian Hancu in English, the medical certificate and the request to the prosecutor.



- 7. **Valeriu Boboc - dead, broken ribs as a result of strikes, a plague on the head as a result of blows with blunt objects:** 23 years old, workman, married, father of a 1.5 year old child; peaceful participant at the protest . Arrived in the Square after 5.00 p.m., when the presidential and parliament buildings were ravaged. Killed as a result of the massive police attack on protesters in the night of 7 to April 8. According to the police - found dead in the Great National Assembly Square. Cause of death according to the certificate of death (hereof attached) - unknown toxic poisoning.



8. **Ungureanu Vadim – cranial contusion, concussion, multiple traumas and contusions to the body, refused hospitalization, threatened with death** - 21 years old, student, peaceful protest participant. Audio and video accounts exist.



9. **Iurie Craciuneac - contusions to the soft tissue of both legs** - student, 29 years old, peaceful protest participant. Video accounts and medical-legal certification exists.



10. **Cebanenco Ruslan - contusions to the soft tissue of the head, bruises** - student, peaceful protest participant, beaten over the course of a whole night in the police station of the Buiucani sector, city of Chişinău, dispossessed of mobile phone and money. Audio and video accounts exist.



11. **Țibuleac Ion - dead, internal hemorrhage, fractured ribs, fractured leg, multiple wounds on the surface of the body**. Died in unclear circumstances on the night of April 7th in Chisinau.



12. **Vitalie Mihailov – subtotal bleeding of the lateral segment of the eye sclera, excoriations of the head and neck, bruises** - 35 years old, did not participate in the protests. Stopped in the street by three policemen in front of the Ministry of Defence on April 15th, asked to present his documents, after which he was hit with fists and feet. Audio testimony and medical-legal certificate exist.



13. **Chiril Gumenii - concussion, open fracture to the leg, multiple contusions to the soft tissue** - student in the 8th grade at school number 52 in Chisinau, born in 1988, did not participate in the protest. Detained on April 9th, in front of the government building, beaten by unknown persons dressed in civilian clothing, loaded into a car, taken in an unknown direction and asked how many windows he broke at the buildings of Parliament and of the President, after which he was again beaten. Audio testimony exists.



14. **Vadim Grecu - concussion, broken ribs, facial contusion**: 21 years old, student at the Academy of Economic Studies of in Moldova, did not participate in the protest. Detained on the night of April 7th in front of the parliamentary building. Beaten with fists and legs on the street, dragged on the ground, taken to police headquarters and, due to his serious condition, later transported to the emergency hospital. Audio testimony and medical-legal certificate exist.



15. **Nelu Raileanu - tortured, concussion, contusions to the soft tissue of the head, asthenia**: 20 years old, high school student, did not participate in the protest. Detained on April 7th around 7:00pm on Pushkin Street in front of the National Palace, beaten, and taken to the police station of Buiucani, told to

sign a declaration stating that he participated in the protest and beaten for refusing to sign. Audio testimony and medical-legal certificate exist.



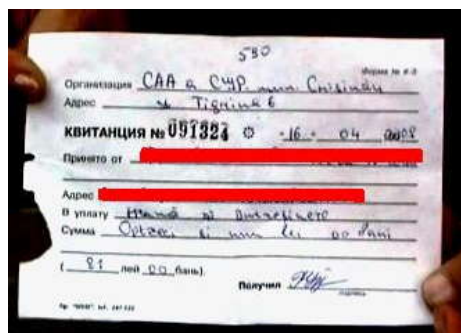
16. **Vasile Gavrilă – contusions with blood on the cheek, bruises on the cheek:** 18 years old, student in the 12th grade at George Cosbuc High School, did not participate in the protest. Detained on the night of April 8th around 12:30am near the Mayor’s Office of the City of Chisinau, taken to police headquarters, beaten and tortured, told to sign false declarations without reading them. Audio testimony and medical-legal certificate exist.



17. **Gheorghe Moisei - leg fracture, concussion,** 47 years old, father of two, peaceful protest participant. Detained on April 10th, taken to the police station of Buiucani and then to the Central police station, beaten in both police stations.



18. **Receipt of payment** for the sum of 81 lei for the period of detention, covering the cost of food and board.



19 **Mihai Brânză** - beaten Saturday at 9:30pm in front of the Cathedral, where he and his family had attended the Easter resurrection mass. He and his brother were attacked by 3 men in civilian dress presenting themselves as policemen. They were savagely beaten while being asked if they participated in the April 7 protests. They were not arrested because they managed to flee.

**20 Andrei Ivanțoc - concussion, contusion to the soft muscles of the head, contusion to the soft muscles of the right arm, fracture to the thumb of the right hand** - former political detainee in the Transnistrian region as a member of the Ilascu group, 48 years old, peaceful protester. Subjected to violence in the street by riot police on April 7 in front of the presidential building, then transported by a group of youths to the emergency clinic.



**21 Marius Malanițchi - 15 years old, student at Ciprian Porumbescu High School. Hit by a sharp marble stone thrown from within the presidential building during the April 7 protests. Taken to the emergency clinic, then taken to the hospital. Photos exist.**



**22 Anatol Matasaru - fracture to the ribs and nose, concussion** - 38 years old, technical manager at Marius Teodor SRL, participant in the protests (including in the rioting). The doctors at the medical clinic requested that he be admitted as an emergency case, but the police refused. Intimidated and forced to kiss the boots of the policemen, head and body stepped on, tortured. Arrested on April 8, 2009 for a term of 30 days. Video and photo testimony exist. Lawyer requested that a medical-legal examination be performed and was refused.





**23 Alexandru Gisca - ruptured conjunctiva, hematoma of the inner eyelids, subjected to a surgical intervention in the left eye** - 17 years old, peaceful protester. Beaten by three policemen in civilian dress on April 3, 2009 on Gheorghe Asachi Street, Chisinau Municipality. Annex: photo, medical-legal certificate.



**24 Valeriu Rusu** - student, peaceful protest participant. Beaten and treated violently at police headquarters, kept without food and water for several days, detained together with 14 others in a 1m x 1m cell. Video testimony exists.

**25 Igor Darie – closed skull trauma, concussion** - 23 years old, employed, did not participate in the protests. Arrested around midnight behind the parliamentary building, where he was beaten, after which he was taken to the Buiucani police station where he continued to be treated violently by the police. Photos and medical-legal certificates exist.

**26 Ion Noroc - beaten by a police collaborator in front of the prosecutor** - student at the Ion Creanga University of Pedagogy. Arrested at his university on April 8<sup>th</sup> at dorm number 6. Video testimony by the victim and his lawyer exist.

**27 Dumitru Mozan - closed skull trauma, concussion** - student in the eleventh grade at Gaudeamus High School, peaceful participant at the April 7 protest. Beaten during the protest by several policemen with fists and feet. Admitted to the hospital as a result of multiple blows delivered by the police. Video testimony and medical-legal certificate exist.

**28 Veaceslav Guriță** - student and peaceful protester from Orhei. Arrested on April 8<sup>th</sup> around 12:30am on Ștefan cel Mare Street. Beaten with fists and feet during detention.

**29 Grasun Valeriu** - student, participated peacefully in the protests. Arrested on April 7 together with other protesters and taken to police headquarters, where he was beaten and kept in isolation for 14 days, after which he was subjected to 20 days of detention.

**30 Ștefan Botnari** - Arrested with force on April 8, 2009 in front of the City Hall of the Municipality of Chisinau. Taken to the Centru police station, where he was beaten, causing wounds and excruciating pain.

**31 Ion Cuiban** - student, 20 years old, peaceful protest participant. Arrested April 8, 2009 at 12:30am. Video testimony exists.

**32 Nicolae Cojocar** - student, d.o.b. August 5, 1985. Arrested on April 8, 2009 at 1:00am on Pushkin-Columna Street. Tortured by police collaborators, kept without food and water for 2 days. Passed through the “tunnel of death”.

**33 Igor Calun** - student, d.o.b. March 23, 1991. Arrested on April 10, 2009 around 9.30am in the courtyard of professional high school number 1, handcuffed and taken to the police station, tortured. Video testimony exists.

**34 Artur Movilă** - fourth-year student at UTM, 23 years old, peaceful protester, did not participate in the violent actions during the protest. Arrested on April 8, 2009 in the Chisinau Center on Renașterii Street at 1:00am. Tortured by the police. Video recordings and photos exist.

**35 Ion Pascal** - student, d.o.b. February 7, 1987, peaceful protester, did not participate in the violent actions during the protest, visiting from Cahul. Arrested on April 8, 2009 at 2.:00am. Tortured by the police, who delivered blows to the chest and back. Audio testimony exists.

**36 Vitalie Susan** - d.o.b. August 9, 1990, treated violently by the police. Medical-legal certificate exists at the police station, but withheld by the police.

**37 Vadim Andriuță** - **closed thoracic trauma, left hemithoracic contusion, left post-traumatic pleurisy** - born 1986, 23 years old, married, employed. Arrested in front of the government building and beaten by two policemen in uniform and one in civilian dress, taken to police headquarters and then dealt multiple blows below the ribs. Medical-legal certificate exists at the police station.

**38 Eugen Cebanu** - 20 years old, student, participated peacefully at the protest. Arrested on April 11, 2009 and beaten during arrest, then taken to police headquarters and charged with stealing a computer from the parliamentary building, after which he was hit multiple times by the police. Parents notified after 3 days. Video testimony exists.

**39 Alexandru Cucu** - **concussion, multiple bruises on the body** - 18 years old. Arrested on April 8, 2009, beaten by the police, and taken to the Vulcănești penitentiary, where 5 days of administrative detention were applied. Found by relatives only after 4 days of searching. Video testimony exists.

**40 Ion Ionașco** - born 1980, peaceful protester. Arrested April 7, 2009 in the center of the capital, taken to police headquarters and beaten very savagely by the police. Suffered multiple traumas to the back, concussion, and various bruises. Released on April 17, 2009, after the carrying out of the sentence of 10 days of detention, without being guaranteed the right to defense in court.

**41 Andrei Teraburcu** - 20 years old (born 1988), student at the College of Management, protested peacefully. Arrested by the police on April 8, 2009 around 2.30am on Pushkin Street. Spent 3 days in the police headquarters of sector Botanica. Bodily wounds apparent.

**42 Eugen Ursu** – 19 years old, student at professional school number 1. On April 4, 2009 around 4pm taken from home to the police headquarters of sector Centru. Spent 6 days in police headquarters. Was not subjected to violence. Caught a cold due to inhumane conditions where she was kept.

**43 Nicolae Bizgu** - 17 years old, student in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Mircea Eliade High School, peaceful protester. Arrested April 9, 2009 during class, taken to the police headquarters of sector Centru, subjected to violence by the police.