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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 116th session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of the Republic of Moldova, pursuant to article 9 (1) of the Convention and rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 24 (c) and (e) (situation of Roma) and paragraph 30 (stateless persons) of the Concluding Observations [CERD/C/MDA/CO/12-14](#) adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 12th to 14th periodic reports at its 112th session, held in April 2024.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its next periodic report.

Paragraph 24 (c) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee takes note of the National Immunization Program 2023–2027, adopted through Government Decision No. 211/2023, which includes among its specific objectives the goal of increasing the availability of safe and effective vaccines for all the population throughout life, regardless of geographic location, age, gender, economic status, ethnicity, religion, or any other barriers that may prevent them from fully benefiting from vaccination. It also notes that in 2024, through the NGO “Tarna Rom”, immunization services were delivered to Roma populations in various Temporary Placement Centers for refugees in the country.

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Nevertheless, the Committee regrets the lack of information about measures adopted by the State party to ensure that Roma, particularly women and children, have full access to adequate, gender-responsive, and culturally sensitive health care, as well as about targeted awareness-raising campaigns concerning available health services and the requirements for compulsory health insurance coverage. The Committee considers the response to this recommendation unsatisfactory and requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on measures taken to fully implement the recommendation.

Paragraph 24 (e) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee takes note of the information provided by the State party on the various steps taken to strengthen the Roma community mediator service, including the increased budget allocation for local public authorities to support community mediator units, which in 2025 rose by one million Moldovan Lei compared to the 2023 budget allocation. It also notes that, as of 1 January 2025, there were 58 community mediator positions for 45 localities across the country, with 51 community mediators effectively employed. Nevertheless, the Committee remains concerned about the persistent vacancies in community mediator positions and reports indicating the need for adequate and predictable financial allocations to expand the number of community mediators in order to effectively address existing needs and to strengthen the impact and sustainability of their work.

It also notes that Law No. 305/2024 amended Law No. 270/2018 on the Unified Wage System in the Public Sector, in order to increase the wage class for the position of “community mediator without formal education” by four successive salary classes compared to previous level. While acknowledging these improvements, the Committee remains concerned by reports according to which the remuneration of community mediators does not adequately reflect their workload and the complexity of their duties, and that it remains below the minimum wage established in the State party for 2025.

The Committee considers the response to this recommendation partially satisfactory. It requests the State Party to include in its next periodic report information on the measures taken to fully implement the recommendation, including on further steps to ensure adequate budgetary resources for community mediator units, to increase mediators’ remuneration and posts, and to fill all Roma mediator positions.

Paragraph 30 of the Concluding Observations

The Committee notes the information provided by the State party that it has joined, in 2024, the Global Alliance to End Statelessness. It also welcomes the adoption of Order No. 49 of 30 January 2025, which establishes a Working Group on Statelessness Evaluation and Eradication with the mandate to assess the statelessness system, identify obstacles in the examination of applications for recognition of stateless status, and develop mechanisms to improve documentation processes aimed at eradicating statelessness. It further notes the amendments to Act No. 1024 of 2000 on Citizenship, which aim to reduce the risk of

statelessness and facilitate the acquisition of Moldovan citizenship for children born in the State party to foreign parents.

The Committee considers the response to this recommendation satisfactory and requests the State Party to provide, in its next periodic report, information on measures taken to fully implement the recommendation, including steps to establish effective data collection systems on stateless persons, with a view to enhancing assessment capacity and informing the development of a comprehensive policy framework.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of the Republic of Moldova, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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