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Excellency,

In our capacity as Chair and Rapporteur for follow up to concluding observations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights respectively, we have the honour to refer to the examination of the third report of the Republic of Moldova at the Committee's sixty-second session, held in September 2017. In the concluding observations (E/C.12/MDA/CO/3), the Committee requested the Republic of Moldova to provide, within 18 months, written information on the steps undertaken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs in paragraphs 9(a), 59 and 73 of the concluding observations.

The Committee welcomes the follow-up report (E/C.12/MDA/FCO/3) received in February 2020 under its follow-up procedure. The Committee examined the report at its sixty-ninth session, held in March 2021, and wishes to communicate the following assessment:

**Paragraph 9(a): National human rights institutions** – **No response.** The Committee regrets that the State party does not provide any information on the implementation of this recommendation. The Committee requests that the State party include information on steps taken in its next report and will examine this issue as a priority in its next review.

**Paragraph 59: Draft health code** – **Insufficient progress**. The Committee notes the update provided by the State party that the draft health code is still under review and would be readjusted according to the recommendations made by the Committee. It regrets that no substantial progress has been made in relation to the draft health code. The Committee urges the State party to implement the recommendation speedily and report on the measures taken in the next report.

**Paragraph 73: School optimization policy – No response.** The Committee notes that the follow-up report provides information on the implementation of recommendation in paragraph 61 regarding smoking and lung disease among Roman women, instead of on the recommendation in paragraph 73. The Committee requests that the State party provide information on steps taken in its next report and will examine this issue as a priority in the next review.

Her Excellency Mrs. Tatiana MOLCEAN Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva Email: geneva@mfa.gov.md The Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the State party, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

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