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To create credible mechanisms and legal instruments, which would guarantee fundamental rights and freedoms of residents of the region

Promo-Lex continues to follow closely and with concern the human rights situation in the Transnistrian region of Moldova.

Promo-LEX again found serious abuses against local inhabitants, committed by the illegal government in Tiraspol, through incompetence, malpractice, a lack of effort towards satisfying their positive obligations and by ignoring the constitutional authorities of Moldova.

Promo-LEX expresses concern at the increasingly dramatic situation of the two political prisoners Ilie Cazacu - "Condemned" on 9 February 2011 and Ernest Vardanean - "Condemned" on 16 December 2010, who were deprived of their liberty by the "Secessionist Authorities". In these circumstances we talk about unique cases which would be impossible in other countries: Moldovan citizens on the territory of his country are "arrested", "tried", "judged" and "convicted" by fellow citizens for the crime of "spying for the Republic of Moldova".

It is outrageous that for about a year the constitutional authorities have been powerless to assist in these humiliating processes directed at any citizen of the Republic of Moldova, and they have been limited to formal and banal statements about the success of "negotiations" and "dialogue." It is irresponsible to gesture and demand action, efforts and results from the international community, while the structures of the state government and state authorities of Moldova are not proposing discussions towards adopting and implementing a strategy for a reintegration of the country; this is all the more pertinent while doing absolutely nothing towards the investigation and punishment of persons guilty of mass violations of human rights in the region.

Even more outrageous is the fact that on precisely the same day that the President of the OSCE visited the Transnistrian region and the so-called "authorities" in the region greeted him as a "traditional" regional diplomat: They "condemned" the political prisoner Elijah Cossack, to 14 years imprisonment for espionage in the interests of the Republic of Moldova Republic of Moldova.

Promo-Lex calls the Republic of Moldova, the OSCE, Ukraine, Russia, European Union and the United States (participants of the 5+2) to initiate legal procedures and credible mechanisms for residents of the Transnistrian region as soon as possible. They would serve as practical tools for the region's population to protect and defend their constitutional rights.

Promo-Lex believes that the overall settlement of the Transnistrian problem can not occur without solving specific problems, namely the cases of political prisoners, Ernest Vardanean and Elijah Cossack.

Promo-LEX requires the immediate and unconditional release of Ilie Cazacu, Ernest Vardanean and punishment of all persons involved in the abduction and kidnapping, according to Moldova's penal code and provisions of national law.

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