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List of themes to be taken up in connection with the consideration of the eighth and ninth periodic reports of the Republic of Moldova (CERD/C/MDA/8-9)

The following is a list of themes identified by the Country Rapporteur in connection with the consideration of the eighth to ninth periodic reports of the Republic of Moldova. The list is meant to guide the dialogue between the State party delegation and the Committee and *does not require written replies*. This is not an exhaustive list as other issues will be raised in the course of the dialogue.

1. Legal and institutional framework, policy and programmes for the implementation of the Convention (arts. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7):

(a) Progress in the implementation of existing legal, policy and institutional frameworks to combat racial discrimination in accordance with the Convention, including measures taken to address substantive discrimination experienced by minority groups (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 20 ff.);

(b) Reported difficulties in implementing the legislation to combat racial discrimination; detailed information on cases where the provisions in force against racial discrimination, including articles 176 and 346 of the Criminal Code, have been applied by national courts in full compliance with article 4 of the Convention (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, para. 24);

(c) Update on the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law and on the draft act on preventing and combating discrimination, including its current status and the time frame set for its adoption (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 26 and 72 ff.);

(d) Detailed information, including statistical data, on cases of hate crimes against minorities and other vulnerable groups, in particular Roma, Muslims and persons of African or Asian descent (CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 20; CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 76 and 78); measures taken to condemn racist propaganda, organizations and activities, including in the media and on the Internet, inter alia by implementing the relevant

legislation, including the Act on Combating Extremist Activity (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, para. 90; CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 13);

(e) Measures taken to improve the system of data collection in the areas relevant to the implementation of the Convention, in particular the situation of the different minority groups in the State party (CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 8);

(f) Measures taken to strengthen the Bureau for Inter-Ethnic Relations, including the provision of the allocation of sufficient financial and human resources, as well as information on the new draft regulation regarding the organization and activity of the Bureau (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 79 ff.; CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 11);

(g) Measures taken to ensure that the Center for Human Rights of Moldova has adequate resources to fulfil its mandate in accordance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles) (CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 9);

(h) Impact of the 2008-2012 National Programme for the Development of an Integrated Social-services System on the situation of marginalized groups, including the Roma community (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 52-53);

(i) Reported lack of awareness of racism and racial discrimination among some media, politicians and members of religious groups.

2. Situation of non-citizens, including immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees (arts. 2, 5 and 7):

(a) Legal and administrative measures taken to effectively implement the existing legislation concerning the protection of immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees, including the training provided to relevant officials and the awareness-raising programmes for the general public (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 61 ff.);

(b) Measures taken or envisaged to develop a national integration policy for immigrants, to simplify the procedure for citizenship and residence permit applications and to facilitate integration into the employment market.

3. Discrimination against religious minorities, including the Muslim and the Jewish communities (arts. 2, 3, 5 and 6):

(a) Measures taken to combat discrimination against religious minorities and protect their freedom of religion in line with the Convention and relevant national legislation, inter alia Act No. 125-XVI of 11 May 2007 (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, para. 34);

(b) Discrimination against some religious groups, in particular the persistent registration difficulties faced by Muslim ethnic minorities; measures taken to facilitate the registration of Muslim ethnic minorities as religious communities (CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 14; CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 91 ff.); information on reported cases of administrative sanctions applied to individuals belonging to unregistered religious organizations;

(c) Reported cases of harassment by the police against Muslims and abusive identity checks for Muslims outside places of worship;

(d) Reports on the inadequate responses by the authorities to recent anti-Semitic events, including the incident of 13 December 2009 (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 115-116; A/HRC/15/53, para. 66);

(e) The issue of restitution of religious properties confiscated by previous regimes prior to the declaration of Moldovan independence.

4. Situation of the Roma community (arts. 2, 3 and 5):

(a) Updated information on financial support to various government programmes for the Roma, such as those related to housing, education, employment, access to health facilities and social services;

(b) Implementation and progress of the 2007-2010 Action Plan in Support of the Roma Population and the preparation of the action plan for 2011-2015 (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 126-127; CERD/C/MDA/CO/7/Add.2, para. 2);

(c) Measures taken to guarantee access to education for Roma women and girls and to integrate Roma children into the school system (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 140 ff.; CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 19);

(d) Information, including statistical data, on the representation of Roma and other underrepresented minorities in positions of elected representation such as Parliament and in the public service (CERD/C/MDA/8-9, paras. 102 ff.; CERD/C/MDA/CO/7, para. 16).
