



# International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

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**Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted  
by States parties under article 9 of the Convention**

### List of themes in relation to the combined twelfth to fourteenth periodic reports of the Republic of Moldova

#### Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session<sup>1</sup> that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State party concerned a short list of themes with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

#### Statistics

2. Statistics on the demographic composition of the population based on self-identification, disaggregated by ethnic origin, including Roma, and languages spoken, as well as on migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons. Economic and social indicators on the various groups living in the State party's territory, disaggregated by national or ethnic origin, gender and age, particularly in respect of minority groups.<sup>2</sup>

#### The Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2, 4 and 6)

3. Information on the implementation of the Equality Act.<sup>3</sup> Updated information on measures taken to ensure that the provisions of the Criminal Code and other relevant legislation prohibit and punish racist hate speech, incitement to racial hatred or to racial discrimination, racist hate crimes and participation in organizations that promote and incite racial discrimination, in line with article 4 of the Convention.<sup>4</sup>

4. Updated information on the results achieved under the National Human Rights Action Plan 2018–2022, its evaluation and measures to develop a new action plan.<sup>5</sup> Information on the implementation of the Strategy on Strengthening Inter-Ethnic Relations (2017–2027) and its action plan.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A/65/18, para. 85.

<sup>2</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 7; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 31–37.

<sup>3</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 11 (a); and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 50–56.

<sup>4</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 13; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 71–81.

<sup>5</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 11 (d); and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 47–49.

<sup>6</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 11 (b); and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 57–70.



5. Updated information on the mandate and activities of the governmental entities responsible for implementing and monitoring policies regarding racial discrimination and ethnic minority groups, in particular the Agency for Inter-Ethnic Relations, the Inter-Ethnic Relations Policy Service at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research and the Council for Preventing and Eliminating Discrimination and Ensuring Equality, including information on coordination among those entities and the allocation of resources to each of them, in the light of the administrative reform carried out in 2018.<sup>7</sup>

6. Statistics and detailed information on complaints registered with the courts or any other national institution, including the Council for Preventing and Eliminating Discrimination and Ensuring Equality, for acts of racial discrimination, racist hate speech and racist hate crimes, including over the Internet and through the media, and on the number of investigations, prosecutions and convictions of perpetrators.<sup>8</sup>

7. Specific measures taken or envisaged to combat racist hate speech, including in political discourse, through the media and over the Internet. Measures taken or envisaged to ensure that police and other law enforcement officers do not engage in racial discrimination, including racially motivated violence and practices that amount to racial profiling.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Situation of ethnic minority groups (arts. 2, 5 and 6)**

8. Updated information on measures taken to ensure the enjoyment by members of ethnic minority groups of all the rights covered by the Convention without discrimination, in particular: (a) to ensure their effective participation and representation in public and political life, including in State institutions and the administration at all levels; (b) to guarantee their access to quality education in their mother tongue without discrimination; (c) to ensure their access to justice, including through the availability of courts and interpretation services; and (d) to protect their right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.<sup>10</sup>

9. Updated information on the results achieved from the implementation of the Plan of Action to Support the Ethnic Roma Population (2016–2020), as well as information on other measures taken or envisaged to combat stereotypes and structural discrimination against Roma and to guarantee their full and equal enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights.<sup>11</sup> Measures taken to ensure that Roma children have equal access to quality education.

10. Information on the adoption and implementation of special measures to ensure the enjoyment by members of ethnic minority groups of their economic, social and cultural rights. Information on measures to establish effective instruments of consultation and dialogue with ethnic minority groups to ensure that their views and concerns are taken into consideration in debates on issues affecting them, in particular the Roma community mediator service.<sup>12</sup>

#### **Situation of migrants, asylum-seekers, refugees and stateless persons (arts. 2 and 5)**

11. Updated information on the legislative and policy frameworks on migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers and on measures to ensure access to education, housing, employment and health-care services without discrimination to all persons under the State party's jurisdiction.<sup>13</sup> Measures to combat acts of racial discrimination targeting migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless persons.

#### **Human rights education to combat prejudice and intolerance (art. 7)**

12. Information on measures to promote human rights education, including on ways to combat racial discrimination, in school curricula, university programmes and teacher training programmes. Updated information on measures to raise awareness among the general public

<sup>7</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 11; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 59–70, 76, 92–98, 112–130 and 167–175.

<sup>8</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 15; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 18, 77–81 and 167–175.

<sup>9</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 17; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 172–174.

<sup>10</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, paras. 17 and 19; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 82–123.

<sup>11</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 21; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 124–166.

<sup>12</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, paras. 17, 19 and 21; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 82–166.

<sup>13</sup> CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11, para. 23; and CERD/C/MDA/12-14, paras. 176–197.

and the media, civil servants, law enforcement and judicial authorities of the importance of cultural diversity, tolerance and inter-ethnic education.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> [CERD/C/MDA/CO/10-11](#), para. 25; and [CERD/C/MDA/12-14](#), paras. 198–204.