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## **Letter dated 8 May 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to address you in connection with the letter dated 11 April 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations concerning the case of Evghenia Guțul, and I would like to convey the following.

According to the information provided by the Prosecutor General's Office and the National Anticorruption Centre of the Republic of Moldova, currently a criminal investigation is ongoing involving Ms. Guțul for serious allegations regarding several electoral offences such as large-scale falsification of electoral financing reports, fabrication and use of false official documents, submission of false statements to competent authorities and large-scale violations in the management of electoral funds, defined as criminal violations under relevant articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova.

Furthermore, Ms. Guțul is affiliated with and supported by the criminal network of Ilan Șor, who was convicted of large-scale bank fraud and whose party was declared unconstitutional by the Constitutional Court, based on its role in undermining Moldova's sovereignty and democratic order. Her detention is a matter of justice, and it stems from serious criminal accusations based on evidence and due legal process. The law enforcement and judicial authorities of the Republic of Moldova have launched a thorough investigation in relation to the members of the organized criminal "Șor group" resulting until now in convictions of several of its members.

Throughout the legal proceedings, Ms. Guțul has had access to legal counsel, and her rights have been fully respected, in line with national and international standards.

The Republic of Moldova is a democratic State governed by the rule of law and respect for human rights, where all individuals, regardless of their political affiliations or positions, are subject to fair, transparent and lawful judicial processes. The rights



of the accused are fully protected, including the presumption of innocence and the right to legal defence.

It is deeply concerning that a matter which falls entirely under the responsibility of the national judiciary and the internal affairs of the Republic of Moldova and has nothing to do with the matter of international peace and security is being brought up by the Russian Federation at the United Nations. By invoking this case, the Russian Federation is engaging in unwarranted and unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign Member State, in direct violation of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

The Republic of Moldova reaffirms its unwavering commitment to its national and international legal obligations and democratic values. We call upon all external actors to respect the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova's judicial institutions.

I kindly request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Gheorghe **Leucă**  
Ambassador  
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