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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs and with regard to the latter's Note Verbale No. LA/COD/59/1 dated 9 January 2019 has the honour to present herewith the information by the Republic of Moldova pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of the UN General Assembly resolution 73/208 of 20 December 2018 titled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction".

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.



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The Republic of Moldova is party to a number of international treaties that allow the national courts to charge/ judge the persons who have committed crimes under international law (e.g. the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 as well as the three additional Protocols from 1977 and 2005).

The principle of universal jurisdiction is reflected in the legislation of the Republic of Moldova, in particular in art. 11, paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code which stipulates as follows: *“Foreign citizens and stateless persons without permanent domiciles on the territory of the Republic of Moldova who commit crimes outside the territory of the Republic of Moldova shall be criminally liable under this Code and shall be subject to criminal liability on the territory of the Republic of Moldova provided that the crimes committed are adverse to the [...] peace and security of humanity, or constitute war crimes including crimes set forth in the international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party, if these persons have not been convicted in a foreign state.*

Furthermore, crimes under international law set forth in the international treaties are also reflected under the special part of that National Criminal Code, as follows: Chapter I “Crimes against mankind’s peace and security, war crimes” (e.g. Genocide - art.135 Criminal Code; The crime against humanity - art.135/1 Criminal Code; Ecocide - art.136 Criminal Code; Inhumane treatment - art.137 Criminal Code; War crimes against property and other rights - art.137¹ Criminal Code; Use of Forbidden Means of warfare - Art.137² Criminal Code; Use of prohibited methods of warfare - art.137³ Criminal Code; Use without permission of the distinctive signs of international humanitarian law - art.137⁴ Criminal Code;); Chapter II “Crimes against the freedom, honor and dignity of a person”; Chapter IX “Environmental Crimes”; Chapter XI “Computer crimes and crimes in the telecommunication sphere”; Chapter XIII “Crimes against public security and public order”; Chapter XVII “Crimes against public authorities and State security”, Chapter XVIII “Military crimes”.