

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and with reference to the Note Verbale LA/COD/4 of February 13, 2024, and General Assembly Resolution 77/108 of December 7, 2022, entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives" has the honour to enclose herewith the response of the Moldovan authorities regarding the incidents recorded in the Republic of Moldova on this topic and the measures taken by the concerned authorities.

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

New York, April 10, 2024

Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations <u>New York</u>

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 On March 9, 2023, a male person (identified), acting with direct intent, being aware of the fabricated nature of the information about the act of terrorism, realizing the prejudicial nature of his action, foreseeing the consequences that will occur, made a false communication such as that the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the city of Chisinau, located at 153 Stefan cel Mare street, will be mined, knowing with certainty and understanding the fact that he is transmitting a false information, that endangers the entity's activity.

As a result of the prompt intervention of relevant institutions, it was proven that the communicated information about the explosive device is false.

The case was registered in the Buiucani Police Inspectorate's Record of Criminal Reports.

The criminal process being examined in accordance with art. 274 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Moldova, the constitutive elements of the composition of the offense provided for by art. 281 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova, "Knowingly false communication about the act of terrorism", as a result of which the criminal investigation was started, assigning the criminal case a statistical order number, and following the criminal investigation actions undertaken, on 22.06. 2023 the prosecutor drew up the indictment and sent the case to court.

2. On 12 March, 2023, a female person (identified), being at the entrance to the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the city of Chisinau, in a public place, acting with direct intent, knowing and being aware of the prejudicial character of her actions and their consequences, pursuing the goal of violating public order, on the basis of an insignificant pretext, which is disproportionate to the committed deed, using a stone, applied several blows to the information board of the diplomatic mission headquarters.

The case was registered in the Buiucani Police Inspectorate's Record of Criminal Reports.

The criminal process being examined in accordance with art. 274 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Moldova, under the aspect of the existence of the constituent elements of the composition of the offense provided for by art. 287 "Hooliganism" from the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova, following which on March 30, 2023, the criminal prosecution body drew up a report with a proposal to refuse the initiation of criminal prosecution, taking into account the requirements stipulated in art. 275 point 3) of

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the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Moldova, the deed does not meet the elements of the crime.

It should be noted that in the stated cases, the prompt reaction of the carabineers involved in the service at the stationary guard and protection posts adjacent to the Embassy headquarters and the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Chisinau was ensured, who provided the necessary support to the specialized subdivisions of the General Police Inspectorate, involved in actions according to the powers assigned.

We inform you that, based on the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration no. PD-109/2163 of 24.02.2022, starting from 24 February 2022, security and public order measures were increased at all foreign diplomatic missions accredited in the Republic of Moldova, with the application of a special security regime at the headquarters of diplomatic missions of Ukraine, the United States of America, Romania and the Russian Federation, including the Russian Center of Science and Culture in the Republic of Moldova.

 On August 1, 2023, the on-call service of the "Centru" Police Inspectorate office of the Police Department from Chisinau municipality was informed about the entry of a group of unknown persons into the Embassy of the Republic of Georgia, located on 31 August 1989 Street, no. 57, Chisinau municipality.

The operative group of "Centru" Police Inspectorate went to the scene, where it was found that, during the period of time from 31.07.2023, until 01.08.2023, a group of unidentified persons by the criminal investigation body, realizing the prejudicial nature of their actions, pursuing the intention of covertly appropriating another person's assets, jumped the fence and then through the garage door that was not locked entered the Georgian embassy located on 31 August 1989 Street, no. 57, Chisinau municipality, from where they secretly stole goods, thus, causing considerable material damage Embassy.

In the given episode, the criminal case was initiated based on the constitutive elements of the crime as provided by art. 186 para. (2) point. b), c), d) of the Criminal Code. As a result of the actions taken, the perpetrators were identified.

On 30.08.2023 assigned to the Chisinau municipal prosecutor's office, the "Centru" Police Inspectorate office according to art. 289 of the Criminal Procedure Code, referred to the court.

4. On March 17, 2024, within the premises of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Moldova, located on Stephen the Great and Saint Boulevard, no. 153, Chisinau municipality, a Polling Station was opened in connection with the presidential elections taking place in the Russian Federation.

Thus, an unknown male, moving from the direction of Toma Ciorbă Street, threw a smokeproducing object on the territory of the Embassy.

Following the immediate intervention of law enforcement on the spot, the person was detained and later identified, where during the questions given, the latter communicated

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that he did this out of hatred for the Russian Federation and Vladimir Putin, the president of this country.

The operative group from the Buiucani Police Inspectorate went to the scene, examined the given circumstances, and registered the criminal case.

At the same time, following the examination of the criminal process through the lens of art. 274 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the criminal investigation was started, according to the elements of the criminal offense provided by art. 287 para. (3) of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova. The suspect was detained for 72 hours, and later an arrest warrant was issued for a period of 20 days, with detention in Penitentiary no. 13 in Chisinau.

Moreover, on 21.03.2024 based on the report of the criminal investigation officer, the criminal process was started, based on which the criminal investigation is to be started, according to the elements of the criminal offense provided for in art. 181 paragraph. (1), point (a) from the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova.

(Closing paragraph to be included)

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations kindly request the inclusion of the above-mentioned information in the report of the Secretary-General under the agenda item "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".