

Contribution by the Republic of Moldova on the Implementation of the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

The Republic of Moldova stands committed to its obligations under relevant multilateral, regional, and bilateral agreements in the field of preventing and combating international terrorism, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations.

The competent national authorities are consistently implementing measures aimed at preventing, detecting, and countering terrorist activities, including through the development of inter-agency and international cooperation, the intensification of the exchange of operational information, and strengthening of institutional and operational capacities in this area.

1. Legal framework

The national regulatory framework governing counter-terrorism activities is improved continuously to ensure its alignment with the international standards. This includes the process of aligning the national regulatory framework with EU policies and regulations, such as the following:

- the exchange of information and cooperation concerning terrorist offences (Directive (EU) 2023/2123 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 October 2023; Council Decision 2005/671/JHA of 20 September 2005; Regulation (EU) 2023/2131 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 October 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1727 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2005/671/JHA);
- the prevention of the dissemination of terrorist content online (Regulation (EU) 2021/784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021);
- cross-border cooperation in counter-terrorism matters (Council Decision 2008/615/JHA of 23 June 2008 on enhancing cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime (Prüm); Council Decision 2008/616/JHA of 23 June 2008).

Furthermore, the process of approving the signing of the Protocol amending the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism of 16 May 2005 has been initiated.

2. Institutional framework

In accordance with the provisions of Article 6(3) of Law No. 120/2017 on the prevention and combating of terrorism, activities to prevent and combat terrorism are carried out directly by the Security and Intelligence Service of the Republic of Moldova (Service/SIS).

Within that Service, the Anti-Terrorism Center operates as the national authority in this field. Furthermore, Article 6 (4) of the above-mentioned law establishes the authorities with responsibilities in the field of preventing and combating terrorism. At the same time, Article 7(3) establishes the responsibilities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, through its specialized units, in the field of preventing and combating terrorism.

3. Relevant data cases and the measures taken by the national authorities

Throughout 2025, no terrorist attacks were committed in the Republic of Moldova. In addition, no cases have been recorded involving Moldovan citizens in terrorist attacks at the regional or international level.

To prevent and combat threats to international peace and security resulting from terrorist activities, in 2025, the Security and Intelligence Service focused its activities on preventing and combating risks such as:

- *Preventing the entry or transit of the national territory by persons connected to terrorist activities.*

In 2025, a significant upward trend was recorded in attempts to enter or transit the national territory.

- *Identifying and preventing processes of self-radicalization or the radicalization of residents of the Republic of Moldova toward jihadist movements.*

Throughout 2025, the relevant national authorities reported cases of dissemination of international extremist-terrorist activities in the virtual environment, identifying individuals publishing and distributing images of the flag of the entity Daesh, armed militants, symbols of the entity, images of ideological and political leaders, texts and audio-video materials promoting terrorist activities.

In the context of online recruitment by sympathizers of international terrorist entities, it was observed that terrorist groups continue to use gaming platforms and social media channels as propaganda and communication spaces, where recruiters can identify potential recruits among those posting or expressing support for terrorist entities.

Thus, in order to prevent terrorist actions generated by virtual environment activities, the following measures were undertaken:

- Documenting and countering actions (dissemination, propagation, etc.) of an extremist-violent, jihadist, and terrorist nature carried out by investigated subjects in the online environment;
- Identifying the real identity data of users, as well as identifying other groups engaged in illegal activities with jihadist connotations;
- Cooperating with international agencies.

Subsequently, procedural criminal investigative measures are carried out to document a case involving the online recruitment of fellow nationals into the extremist-terrorist environment (according to Article 279² paragraph (3) of the Criminal Code — incitement for terrorist purposes or public justification of terrorism).

Additionally, in 2025 a criminal case was initiated according to the Article 279¹ — Recruitment, training, receiving training, or providing other support for terrorist purposes and Article 279³ — Traveling abroad for terrorist purposes, of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Moldova.

- *Combating threats through false messages about terrorist attacks on the national territory.*

In 2025, the dissemination of false messages regarding the placement of explosive devices at public and private entities across the national territory continued. Approximately the same level of activity was recorded with the risk maintaining a similar intensity as in 2024.

Investigations indicate that most messages were sent to critical infrastructure targets, as well as to mass gathering locations (educational institutions, courts, shopping malls, etc.).

To address those threats, the reaction and response mechanism of competent authorities in cases of false bomb alerts has been streamlined.

Multiple specialized training sessions concerning risk management were carried out for the employers of various public and private entities.

- *Protection of critical infrastructure against terrorist actions.*

The dynamics of situation in 2025 in the field of counter-terrorism protection of critical infrastructure, prompted operational efforts toward enhancing risk management in the critical infrastructure sector. The actions targeted the implementation of the provisions of the „National Program and Action Plan for Strengthening and Implementing Counter-Terrorism Protection Measures for Critical Infrastructure Objectives for 2022–2026” and the „Plans for the Cyber Defense and Development of Critical Infrastructure and Entities”.

4. Training and educational programs

In 2025, relevant national authorities conducted training sessions on preventing and managing terrorist crisis situations at critical infrastructure and socially significant objectives and working meetings within its area of competence with national authorities and representatives of the public and private sectors. In addition, documentation visits were made to critical infrastructure sites, counter-terrorism tests conducted, and briefings addressed to beneficiaries have been organized.

In addition, representatives of the law enforcement authorities participated in international trainings aimed at strengthening the capacities in preventing and countering terrorist threats.