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**The Venice Commission
of the Council of Europe**

Esteemed Members of the Venice Commission,

It was a good thing that a delegation of your Commission has recently visited the Republic of Moldova, in order to find out about the proposed changes in our electoral system. We believe that a good cooperation between the Moldovan authorities and your Commission will help improve our electoral legislation.

However, it is regrettable that the distinguished members of your delegation did not express their interest in meeting a more diverse spectrum of our civil society.

We, as trade unions, represent an important section of the non-governmental sector in Moldova – and also hundreds of thousands of employees in both private and state organizations and companies. It would have been important for us to inform you directly about how the ordinary citizens of Moldova (many of whom, indeed, are our members) feel about our present political system.

Please be advised that there is a strong desire for change in our society regarding Moldova's politics – including the change of our electoral system, which has brought corruption and does not offer a good connection between politicians and citizens. Many Moldovans are dissatisfied with the present proportional system and would like to see it changed, so they may choose directly their representatives in Parliament.

Therefore, we urge you not to encourage our political class to perpetuate the current system, but recommend them to make changes and reforms that will help our democracy. We truly hope that your advice and expertise will be taken into consideration by our politicians and will have a positive effect for Moldova.

On behalf of the 25 national trade union branches numbering 380.000 trade union members

With respect,

**Confederate Committee of the
National Trade Union Confederation of Moldova**