

OMCT issued an Urgent Appeal to the authorities of the Republic of Moldova on Serghei Cosovan's case



On May 18, 2018, the World Organization Against Torture ([OMCT](#)) [issued an Urgent Appeal to the authorities of the Republic of Moldova on Serghei Cosovan's case.](#)

Mr. Cosovan has been kept in provisional arrest in Penitentiary No. 16-Pruncul for more than six months. WOAT draws your attention to the fact that that Mr. Cosovan, being diagnosed with hepatic cirrhosis, has not received any medical aid relevant to his health condition. As a result of prolonged arrest and the absence of a qualified medical aid in detention, his health condition constantly worsens. To save his life, Mr. Serghei Cosovan needs a hepatic transplantation, but to benefit this procedure he needs to be included on the waiting list. Any delay of his inclusion on the waiting list reduces his chances of survival.

[OMCT](#) requests the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to

guarantee urgently the physical and psychological integrity of Mr. Serghei Cosovan and to assure immediately the receipt of medical aid relevant to his health condition through his transfer to an **accredited medical institution specialized in severe hepatic disease and hepatic transplantation.**

OMCT REQUESTS:

- Guarantee in all circumstances of the physical and psychological integrity of Mr. Serghei Cosovan;
- Immediate transfer of Mr. Cosovan to an accredited medical institution specialized in severe hepatic disease and hepatic transplantation;
- Guarantee of detention conditions and relevant medical services to all the persons who are imprisoned and detained in Moldova, according to the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the treatment of prisoners;
- Guarantee of observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the country, according to the national laws and international standards in the sphere of human rights.

OMCT sent this Appeal to the following institutions: *Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova; National Penitentiary Administration; Penitentiary No. 16-Pruncul; People's Advocate Office of Moldova; Government Agent of the Republic of Moldova; Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova; Prosecutor General of the Republic of Moldova; Anti Corruption Prosecutor's Office; Superior Council of Magistracy of Moldova; Ambassador of Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.*

Also, the Appeal was sent to the *Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Moldova, OSCE Mission to Moldova, EU Delegation to Moldova and the Council of Europe Office in Moldova.*

Promo-LEX Association sent the Appeal of WOAT to the competent

authorities, through whom it requests the fulfillment of prompt actions, and requests a reaction in this case.

At the same time, [OMCT](#), along with Promo-LEX Association, addressed an Urgent Appeal to **UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Prof. Nils Melzer.**

We remind you that on March 29, 2018, the **European Court of Human Rights urgently communicated Serghei Cosovan's complaint** filed by Promo-LEX Association on March 20, 2018. At the same time, the Court awarded the examination of his case a priority basis (status?).

A journalistic investigation on this case was made by media institution: [newsmaker.md](#).

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