

Promo-LEX releases the Report on “Human Rights in the Transnistrian Region of the Republic of Moldova” and a study on failure to enforce judgements of the European Court

Today, August 16, 2018, at a roundtable, Promo-LEX Association presented the semi-annual **Report on “Human Rights in the Transnistrian Region of the Republic of Moldova”**. The report includes findings on the situation of human rights in Transnistrian region in the period of January – June 2018.

Promo-LEX analyzed the actions of the constitutional authorities of the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, international organizations, and the de facto administration in Tiraspol.

The report analyzed the degree of implementation of the commitments, assumed through protocol decisions, decisions concerning human rights in the Transnistrian region, including freedom of movement, the situation of Latin-script schools, application of the apostille on the documents confirming one’s education issued by local institutions and the situation of farmers’ land in Dubasari.

According to the lawyers of Promo-LEX, the de facto administration in Tiraspol stood out by taking several controversial decisions. One of them is the ban on the treatment of patients with dangerous and particularly dangerous diseases by specialists from institutions with

foreign capital.

[In the previous report](#), Promo-LEX found that the presumption of innocence continued to be violated by the local security agencies and mass media take their press releases without adapting them. In the period between January and June 2018, these practices continued. Also, the practice of abduction and intimidation of people continues in Moldova as well as in neighboring Ukraine.

The report mentions that journalists that are inconvenient to the administration of the Transnistrian region are being put on “a spoke in the wheel”. For example, the newspaper Profsoiuznie Vesti ceased its activity following the modification of the “legislation” by the “Supreme Soviet” in Tiraspol. Its editor-in-chief, Ludmila Covali, believes the de facto administration has avenged it because the publication did not support the current authorities in the last election. One of the few independent journalists in the Transnistrian region confirmed the pressures faced by his fellow colleagues.

The study reminds the reader that on May 19, 2018 the new “regulations” on non-commercial organizations in the Transnistrian region came into force. According to these changes, local non-commercial organizations receiving funds from abroad will not be able to carry out a number of activities, including those related to the promotion and defense of human rights.

Organizations will be compelled, within one year, to comply with new changes, otherwise they risk being liquidated, and members of such organizations may bear “criminal” responsibility.

Unconditional support of the Russian Federation to the Transnistrian region continued. The Russian Federation sent to the Transnistrian region humanitarian aid amounting to 435 million Russian rubles. At the same time, the Operational

Group of Russian Forces continues to teach lessons on patriotism to the young people from the region, train students of the "Suvorov school" in Tiraspol, carry out maneuvers and illegal military exercises.

Additionally, the Study on **"Failure to enforce judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in cases originating from the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova"**, elaborated by the expert Lilian Apostol was presented at the event.

The study seeks to identify the origins of non-execution of judgments handed down by the European Court of Human Rights in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

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