

Civil society representatives from Moldova sent to European officials the application for membership to the European Union

Submitted by Moldovan civil society representatives
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Herewith we, representatives of Moldovan civil society,

HAVING REGARD to the Article 49 of the Treaty on European Union, according to which any European State which respects the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, may apply to become a member of the Union;

HAVING REGARD to the Association Agreement between the European Union and its member states, of the one part, and Republic of Moldova, which acknowledge the European aspirations and the European choice of the Republic of Moldova;

CONSIDERING the common values and strong links of the Parties, established in the past through the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement and being developed within the framework of the European Neighborhood Policy and the Eastern Partnership, and recognizing the common desire of the Parties further to develop, strengthen and extend their relations;

RECOGNISING that the common values on which the European Union is built – namely democracy, respect for human rights and

fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law – lie also at the heart of political association and economic integration as envisaged in this Agreement;

TAKING into account that the Association Agreement does not prejudice and leaves open the way for future progressive developments in EU-Republic of Moldova relations;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Republic of Moldova as a European country, shares a common history and common values with the Member States of the European Union, and is committed to implementing and promoting those values; which for the Republic of Moldova inspire its European choice;

RECOGNISING the importance of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the Association Agreement to build economic integration and political association of the Republic of Moldova with the EU;

COMMITTED to strengthening respect for fundamental freedoms, human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, democratic principles, the rule of law, and good governance;

In the name of Moldovan citizens who strive for a democratic and European Republic of Moldova, whole and free –

Submit this application for membership of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union.