

# **APPEAL regarding the official meeting in “5+2” format to be held in Dublin**

Considering and welcoming the fact that a formal “5+2” meeting has been scheduled to take place on 28-29 February in Dublin, Ireland;

Bearing in mind the results of the formal meeting held in Vilnius on 30 November-1 December 2011 and recalling the APPEAL launched on 28 November 2011 to actors and parties involved;

Relying on the democratic principles and values, based on respect for human dignity, promoted by and enshrined in key international documents like the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;

Remaining continuously concerned by the human rights situation in the Transnistrian region and by the absence of a legal and effective mechanism to protect persons;

Recalling that the “5+2” format is the only internationally recognized format for making decisions concerning the settlement of the Transnistrian issue, and the agenda of discussions is established by the parties to negotiations;

Acknowledging and trusting that all the actors involved in the “5+2” negotiation format, apart from the primary goal of settling the Transnistrian issue, are also paying attention to individual cases of human rights violations;

Believing that the settlement of the Transnistrian problem cannot take place without solving existing problems, in particular of persons in the „custody” of the Tiraspol

administration;

Reminding to all the stakeholders that there are still illegally detained people, in particular the cases of Vitalie Eriomenco, Alexandru Ursu, Eduard Elițov, Oleg Filin, Ostap Popovschii, Iurie Matcenco, Alexandru Baluța, Eugen Antonov, Mihail Rotari and others.

WE REQUEST:

- That besides the issues to be discussed at the formal “5+2” meeting in Dublin, the agenda also includes specific issues concerning the situation and the immediate and unconditional release of illegally detained persons, in particular of Vitalie Eriomenco, Alexandru Ursu, Eduard Elițov, Oleg Filin, Ostap Popovschii, Iurie Matcenco, Alexandru Baluța, Eugen Antonov, Mihail Rotari;
- That the stakeholders discuss and urgently undertake all the measures available to them to ensure that the rights of prisoners are respected and that these persons are not subjected to torture or inhuman treatment;
- That efforts are intensified to start the procedures to create legal and credible mechanisms for people living in the Transnistrian region, that would serve as useful instruments to guarantee their rights and freedoms.

In addition to the repeated Appeal, the Association launched a Special Edition of the Promo-LEX Newsletter, which includes a description of 12 cases of severe violation of human rights of detainees in the custody Tiraspol administration.

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