

# **A P P E A L in connection with the formal “5+2” meeting to be held in Vilnius**

Considering and welcoming the fact that a formal “5+2” meeting has been scheduled to take place during November 30 – December 1, 2011 in Vilnius;

Recalling that the “5+2” format is the only internationally recognized format for making decisions concerning the settlement of the Transnistrian issue;

Relying on the principles and values of democracy, 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;

Saluting the involvement of “5+2” actors in solving individual cases of human rights violations, in particular welcoming the efforts undertaken to secure the release of persons from illegal detention, including Boris Mozer, Alexandru Bezrodnyi, Ernest Vardanyan, Ilie Cazac, Pavel Belozyorov and others;

Trusting that the common efforts undertaken by the “5+2” actors primarily aim at settling the Transnistrian issue, according to the official declarations pledging respect for international law principles as well as reciprocal respect;

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;

Reminding to all the stakeholders that there are still illegally detained people in the “custody” of the Tiraspol administration, including Vitalie Eriomenco, Alexandru Ursu, Iurie Matcenco, Alexandru Baluta, Eugen Antonov, Eduard Elitov, Vasile Fricatel, Oleg Filin, Ostap Popovschii and Mihail Rotari, whose cases are already pending before the European Court of Human Rights, as well as many other people arbitrarily deprived of freedom in the region;

**WE REQUEST:**

- That besides general issues to be discussed at the formal “5+2” meeting 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, Iurie Matcenco, Alexandru Baluta, Eugen Antonov, Eduard Elitov, Vasile Fricatel, Oleg Filin, Ostap Popovschii, Mihail Rotari, and of others.
- That the stakeholders discuss and urgently undertake all the measures available to them to ensure that the rights of all the persons, without exception, who are in the “custody” of the Tiraspol administration, are respected and that these persons are not subjected to torture or inhuman treatment;
- That measures are taken to identify and implement legal and credible mechanisms and instruments to guarantee the rights and freedoms of the people living in the Transnistrian region.

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