

RESOLUTION of the European Partnership Fair for Civil Society Organizations in Moldova, concerning the situation of Ilie Cazac and Ernest Vardanean

Bearing in mind the fact that on the 19th of March 2010, in the city of Bender, (which, according to the Moldovan-Russian accord of 21 July 1992, is a high level Security Zone) Ilie Cazac was arrested, and that, on the 7th of April 2010, in the city of Tiraspol, the journalist Ernest Vardanean was arrested by the structures of the Tiraspol regime;

Noting the fact that Ilie Cazac has not been visited by relatives, and that, from the moment of his detention, no information has been available about his state;

Taking into account the fact that on the 12th of June 2010 the relatives of Ilie Cazac began a hunger strike outside the Russian Embassy in Moldova;

Starting from the principle that human rights represent indispensable values for every human being, on the one hand, and an unconditional obligation for all authorities, on the other;

Observing the fact that in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova there does not exist a legal, efficient and viable constitutional mechanism to ensure minimal guarantees of fundamental rights;

Being concerned by the situations of Ilie Cazac, Ernest

Vardanean, and also of other people detained by the Tiraspol administration, and;

Reminding the authorities of the Republic of Moldova and of the Russian Federation that they are the only ones responsible for the situation and development of human rights in the Transnistrian region;

We, the participants at the European Partnership Fair for Civil Society Organizations in Moldova, gathered in Chisinau on the 15th and 16th of June 2010, REQUEST THAT the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation,

- undertake, as a matter of urgency, all the necessary measures available to them to ensure that the rights of people held in detention in the Transnistrian region are guaranteed and respected, and that they are not subjected to acts of torture and inhumane treatment;
- condition financial, economic and social support upon respect for the rights of all inhabitants of the Transnistrian region, and;
- contribute to the immediate and unconditional release of Ilie Cazac and Ernest Vardanean.

We also REQUEST THAT representatives of the Tiraspol administration

- not use torture, and not allow the inhumane and degrading treatment of people arrested or detained in prisons, militia headquarters, or in other places of detention;
- respect the procedural rights (rights to a lawyer, visitation rights, rights to medical assistance, etc.) of all those held in detention;
- allow, immediately and unconditionally, a meeting between Ilie Cazac and his relatives currently on hunger strike, and;
- allow, immediately and unconditionally, a committee of

experts to examine the state of health of Ilie Cazac and Ernest Vardanean, and the conditions of their detention.