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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova and has the honour to inform His Excellency's Government that its fourth and fifth periodic report, submitted in accordance with article 44 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, has been scheduled for consideration by the Committee on the Rights of the Child at its seventy-sixth session, which will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from **11 to 29 September 2017**.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/211, a Pre-sessional Working Group of the Committee on the Rights of the Child met in Geneva from 6 to 10 February 2017. Its purpose was to identify in advance the main questions which could potentially be discussed with the representatives of the States parties whose reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventy-sixth session. These questions are contained in the attached list of issues (**CRC/C/MDA/Q/4-5**).

The Committee wishes to receive, **preferably before 16 June 2017**, written answers (in electronic – Word – format, to be sent to crc@ohchr.org and registry@ohchr.org), to the questions raised in the lists of issues. The list is not intended to be exhaustive and it should not be interpreted as limiting or prejudging the type and range of questions which members of the Committee might wish to pose.

In accordance with rule 72 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, representatives of States parties are invited to attend those meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. The Committee has expressed the hope that reporting States will send high-level representatives to attend those meetings, in order to enable an effective and constructive dialogue to take place between them and the Committee.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if he could be informed of the names and titles of the representatives that His Excellency's Government may wish to designate for the above purpose prior to the seventy-sixth session. This list, as well as the written replies to the list of issues, should be transmitted via the Secretariat of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

For further information, please kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Allegra Franchetti at +41-22 917 9340 or at afranchetti@ohchr.org or her assistant, Mr. James Boit, at +41-22 917 9141 or at jboit@ohchr.org. Please also copy the CRC email: crc@ohchr.org.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, the assurances of his highest consideration.

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The State party is requested to submit in writing additional, updated information (10,700 words maximum), if possible before 16 June 2017. The Committee may take up all aspects of children's rights set out in the Convention during the dialogue with the State party.

Part I

1. Please clarify whether there is a comprehensive law or policy on the implementation of the Convention and if it addresses reduction of child poverty. Please explain how human and financial resources are allocated to the implementation of the rights of the child at national and local levels and how they are affected by the decentralisation reform. Please also provide information on measures taken to eliminate corruption.

2. Please clarify whether there is a mechanism for multi-sectoral coordination for the implementation of the Convention, and how it functions between national and local levels. Please clarify the mandate of the Ombudsperson for the protection of child rights, including whether it includes a mandate to investigate individual complaints filed by or on behalf of children.

3. Please explain the reasons for the reduction of the number of Roma community mediators. Please provide information on measures taken to respect the identity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex children and to protect them from violence and discrimination.

4. Please provide information on specific measures taken to guarantee the rights of the child to be heard and to have his or her best interests taken as a primary consideration in the process of arranging alternative care, including adoption; in relation to informed consent and privacy in health service delivery, including in the areas of sexual and reproductive health; and in the criminal justice system.

5. Please provide information on measures taken to ensure birth registration of children from Roma communities, children born at home, children born to adolescent mothers and children born out of wedlock.

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6. Please provide information on measures taken to monitor and prevent violence against children with disabilities in residential, including psychiatric, institutions, and if such incidents are systematically investigated and prosecuted, and the sanctions imposed on perpetrators. Please provide information on specific measures taken to improve physical accessibility to schools and public infrastructure, as well as on measures taken to prohibit and prevent non-consensual abortion and sterilization of adolescents with disabilities.

7. Please provide information on the reasons for the recent increase of the removal of children from their families and termination of parental rights. Please explain what the specific measures taken are to facilitate the deinstitutionalization of children with disabilities and children of less than 3 years of age.

8. Please inform the Committee on measures taken to reduce teenage pregnancy, address substance abuse, including tobacco, alcohol and illicit drugs, and prevent suicide among adolescents.

9. Please inform the Committee on measures taken to ensure that the benefits provided by social security schemes meet the basic needs of children, including access to education, health services, and adequate housing for children, in particular children living in poverty, Roma children, children who left care and migrant children.

10. Please provide information on measures taken to respond to the steady decrease in school enrolment in primary and secondary schools; to eliminate inequalities in access to quality education and in educational attainment based on geographic location (urban/rural) and on socio-economic status.

11. Please provide detailed information on the grounds upon which migrant children can be detained in relation to their migration status. Please provide information on measures taken to identify refugee, asylum-seeking or migrant children who may have been or are at risk of being recruited or used in hostilities by armed groups abroad and to ensure their physical and psychological recovery and social reintegration.

12. Please provide information on measures taken to monitor and prevent ill-treatment of children in detention and whether solitary confinement is applied to children in prison as a disciplinary measure. Please clarify whether children in detention have access to education, health care and adequate food and provide information on measures taken to facilitate diversion of children from criminal justice system and support reintegration of child offenders in society.

13. Please provide detailed information on the extent to which the State party has implemented the previous concluding observations of the Committee on the Optional Protocol on sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, including combatting child sex tourism; prohibiting grooming in the internet, and establishing extraterritorial jurisdiction in accordance with article 4 of the Optional Protocol.

14. Please provide information on the implementation of the Committee's previous concluding observations on the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict and, in particular, clarify the minimum age for registration for military enlistment, how children are informed of their rights, including the right to lodge a complaint. Please also provide information on legislation regarding extraterritorial jurisdiction for offences covered by the Optional Protocol.

Part II

15. The Committee invites the State party to provide a brief update (no more than three pages) on the information presented in its report with regard to:

(a) New bills or laws, and their respective regulations;

(b) New institutions (and their mandates) or institutional reforms;

(c) Recently introduced policies, programmes and action plans and their scope and financing;

(d) Recent ratifications of human rights instruments.

Part III

Data, statistics and other information, if available

16. Please provide consolidated information for the past three years on the budget lines regarding children and social sectors by indicating the percentage of each budget line in terms of the total national budget and the gross national product. Please also provide information on the geographic allocation of those resources.

17. Please provide, if available, updated statistical data disaggregated by age, sex, ethnic origin, national origin, geographic location and socioeconomic status, for the past three years, on:

(a) Number of cases of infanticide;

(b) Number of Stateless children in the State party;

(c) Number of children married under 18 years of age;

(d) Coverage of child immunization;

(e) Percentage of primary and secondary schools which provides sexual and reproductive health education as mandatory curricula;

(f) Number of children living in informal settlements;

(g) Number of reported cases, investigation, prosecution and conviction of child labour exploitation;

(h) Number of cases diverted from criminal justice system.

18. Please provide data disaggregated by age, sex, socioeconomic background, ethnic origin and geographic location regarding the situation of children deprived of a family environment, for the past three years, on the number of children left behind by parent(s) migrating abroad.

19. Please provide data, disaggregated by age, sex, type of disability, ethnic origin and geographic location, for the past three years, on the number of children with disabilities:

(a) Living with their families;

(b) Living in institutions;

(c) Attending regular primary schools;

(d) Attending regular secondary schools;

(e) Attending special schools;

(f) Out of school;

(g) Abandoned by their families.

20. Please provide the Committee with an update of any data in the report that may have been outdated by more recent data collected or other new developments.

21. In addition, the State party may list areas affecting children that it considers to be of priority with regard to the implementation of the Convention.