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Moldova has to vote against the resolution on “traditional values”

Recently the Government of Russian Federation submitted to the UN Human Rights Council a resolution on “traditional values”. The Moldovan Human Rights Information Center calls on the Government of Moldova to vote firmly against this resolution, due to its threat to the principle of universality of fundamental human rights.

The resolution proposed by the Government of Russian Federation is yet another effort to undermine the universality of the fundamental human rights, this time under the pretext of “complementing” the current system of human rights protection. The resolution claims to promote a better understanding and appreciation of traditional values by the entire humanity to contribute to better protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide. The draft calls on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to collect information from UN member states and other stakeholders on the “best practices” for applying traditional values while promoting and protecting human rights and upholding human dignity.

The Moldovan Human Rights Information Center believes that the real objective of the resolution is to erode the universality and integrity of the fundamental human rights, as a concept, and in practice. Traditional values cannot justify violation of fundamental human rights, and cannot be brought as an argument in persecuting minorities, dissenters, human rights defenders, and other “enemies” of the so called “traditional values”.

The Moldovan Human Rights Information Center calls on the Government of Moldova to vote firmly against this resolution, and thus to re-affirm its adherence to the universal and European values of fundamental human rights. The Moldovan Human Rights Information Center will closely monitor the developments around the resolution, and the role of the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in this process.

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