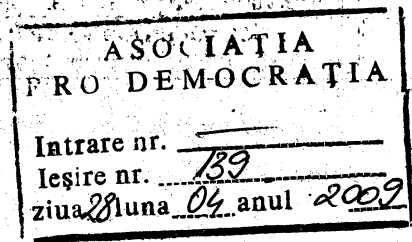


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Appeal against the intimidation of the Moldovan NGOs

International NGOs demand immediate intervention from the European institutions in order to cease the current intimidation actions engaged by the political authorities from Chisinau against the representatives of the civil society from this country. It is the present case of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections – Coalition 2009, a group of nongovernmental organizations that have been observing the electoral process and stated that the parliamentary elections on April 5th were incorrect and partially free.

These intimidation was started by the Ministry of Justice, who is wrongly accusing the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections – Coalition 2009 of co-organizing the protest actions, based on the name resemblance with the Civic Coalition Election 2009 who has in fact demanded permission to organize the manifestations that took place in the Great National Assembly Square on April 7th.

Following the wrongful accusations, the organizations members of the Council of the Coalition are also submitted to a simultaneous fiscal check-up. Without contesting the legal right of the authorities in charge to undertake this action, we consider that this simultaneous check-up is an attempt to harass and intimidate the independent and critic activities of the Watch Dog organizations and the civil society as a whole. The 7 members of the Coalition that are being summoned by the financial administration are: The Independent Journalism Centre (CIJ), The Association for Participatory Democracy (ADEPT), The Public Policy Institute (IPP), The League for Defense of Human rights of Moldova (LADOM), The Electronic Press Association (APEL), The Association for the Promotion of Moldovan Legal Clinics (APJCM), The Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS Viitorul).

Taking into consideration these facts,

The undersigned NGO demand the decisive intervention of the European authorities to stop the intimidation of the nongovernmental organizations from this country and to protect them from the abuses of the government from Chisinau.

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