



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
High Commissioner on National Minorities**

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Mr. Veaceslav Reabcinschii
Director-General of the Agency for Interethnic Relations
Chişinău

Dear Mr. Reabcinschii,

Following our meetings on 24 and 27 March 2025, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome and for the open and constructive discussion we shared on matters concerning national minorities in the Republic of Moldova, as well as on the broader topic of social cohesion and the integration of Moldova's diverse society.

The partnership between the Agency for Interethnic Relations and my office has consistently proven to be both meaningful and productive. I greatly value the continued spirit of co-operation and mutual trust that underpins our interactions.

As highlighted in the HCNM-supported "Ethnobarometer" and confirmed during my visit, ethnic diversity is respected and protected in Moldova. I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the good practices developed in Moldova for managing inter-ethnic relations.

I am equally thankful for the opportunity to meet with the members of the Co-ordinating Council of Ethno-Cultural Organizations. Their openness and active engagement in our discussions underscored the Council's important role as a forum for constructive dialogue between the State and minority communities.

I particularly valued the meeting with local authorities and mayors from first-level administrative units, where I was able to hear about the realities in communities where national minorities live in compact settlements. These exchanges highlighted Moldova's effective approach to managing diversity, while also bringing to light some persistent challenges, especially concerning the use of language in public services and / or education.

I also took careful note of the concerns expressed by representatives of minority communities regarding the proposed amendments to the Law on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National Minorities and the Legal Status of their Organizations, particularly in relation to the role and status of the Agency for Interethnic Relations. I understand that these changes are part of a

broad administrative reform aimed at enhancing the efficiency of Moldova's public administration. In my discussions with high-level authorities, I conveyed the message that, regardless of the institutional configuration, it is essential to preserve the Agency's role as a cross-sectoral body with a broad mandate. Safeguarding its ability to promote inclusive policies and maintain constructive inter-ethnic dialogue remains key to social cohesion and long-term stability. The Co-ordinating Council, in particular, should continue to function as an important participatory platform in this regard

To conclude, I would like to stress that the Republic of Moldova continues to be a key partner for my institution, and I look forward to deepening our co-operation and building on the strong foundation already in place.

Yours sincerely,



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High Commissioner on National Minorities

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