# The comment of the Bureau on the tragic case of a young man who died during the so-called military exercises in the Transnistrian region



*19.07.2021, Chisinau* **-** The Bureau of Reintegration took note of the tragic incident which occurred on July 16, 2021in the Transnistrian region. It refers to a 19-year-old man enrolled in the pseudo-military structures on the left bank of the Nistru who was shot during the alleged exercises.

In this regard, we call on the law enforcement bodies to investigate this incident as a matter of urgency and to take the necessary legal actions.We also draw the attention of the People's Advocate Office and international partners to the need of monitoring this case as a matter of priority and provide all available and relevant assistance for this purpose.

The relevant request will be sent via the dialogue channel of the political representatives, in order to find out more details about the circumstances of the given case. Mediators and international observers within the "5 + 2" negotiation format will be informed as well.

We recall that this is not the first case resulting in tragic death under unclear circumstances. The fact that such situations continue occurring causes great concern and makes it indispensable to mobilize the efforts of all internal and external actors with the mandate to intervene. These levers should be used to prevent and counteract risks leading to such situations, return to observing human rights and fundamental freedoms and defend by all possible means the inhabitants on both banks of the Nistru river.

The Bureau strongly condemns the illegal actions and activities carried out on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, which by their irresponsible nature expose the life and health of the citizens to imminent risks and infringe their unalienable rights.

