

# **Declaration regarding the organization of the so-called “electoral scrutiny” in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova**



As it is known, a so-called “presidential election” is scheduled on December 12th in the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

We ascertain that this exercise takes place outside of the constitutional frame and against the working legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

In this context, we reiterate the position of the Government of the Republic of Moldova that such “elections” cannot be recognised and are considered legally null.

We underline that such “electoral” exercise takes place in conditions of non-compliance with international democratic standards, cases of systemic suppression of the freedom of expression and pluralism of opinion, harsh informational censorship in the region and other breaches of human rights.

At the same time we urge international partners to abstain from declarations, media coverage, appointing “electoral observers” as well as other actions and contacts with the representatives of Tiraspol on this subject, in order to exclude any legitimization of the so-called “elections”.

Such actions will be regarded as defiance to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova, potentially having a counterproductive impact on the Transnistrian settlement process.

