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Dear Mister moderator, dear delegates, dear civil society representatives,

My name is Natalia Duminica and I am a Roma rights activist from the Republic of Moldova. First of all I am grateful to ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues for supporting my participation in Human Dimension Implementation Meeting. Today I would like to draw your attention to the topic of National Integration Strategy of Roma in the Republic of Moldova.

In 2007 the Moldovan Government adopted a set of measures to improve the situation of Roma in education, health, culture and employment fields. Further, in 2011 they adopted the first comprehensive national document on Roma integration for a period of four years. Last year, in 2016, the Government committed to continue their efforts on Roma integration. In this regard it was adopted the 2016-2020 Roma Action Plan. Although, the central authorities actively promotes Roma integration, they failed to allocate adequate budget for the implementation of Roma Action Plan. The Government also lacked to monitor and assess the implementation of Roma Action Plans. A series of international human rights bodies, such as European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Human Rights Committee and Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination expressed their concerns in regard to lack of adequate financial resources for the implementation of Roma Action Plan, and lack of effective monitoring and assessment. The current Roma Action Plan does not have any budget line for the implementation, nor a monitoring and evaluation strategy. Although, the document is supposed to be an inclusive one, it does not address the needs of Roma women, Roma youth, Roma LGBTQI and Roma people with disabilities.

Taking into account all said above, I would like to encourage Moldovan Government to urgently **allocate relevant financial resources for the implementation** of 2016-2020 Roma Action Plan. In addition I would urge the central authorities to **adopt a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation strategy** and **to establish a working group which will monitor the implementation** of the plan. Also, I would recommend Moldovan Government to make amendments to the plan in order **to make it inclusive for all vulnerable parts of Roma community**, such as Roma women, youth, LGBTQI and people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Natalia Duminica

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