

THE DECLARATION
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
of the Republic of Moldova on the issue of “opening of the center of processing
applications for Russian citizenship” in Tiraspol.

The Moldovan authorities express their deep indignation with regard to the opening in Tiraspol of a so-called „center for processing applications for Russian citizenship”. This action can not be qualified otherwise than a unilateral step, undertaken by the Russian Federation in establishing its consular office in the transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova. Previously, the Moldovan side has repeatedly expressed its protest, through diplomatic channels, and requested explanations on this issue. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration concludes that the Russian side, regretfully, ignored these appeals. The participation of the Russian ambassador at the official opening of this “center” is an eloquent proof in this regard.

Taking into account that the opening of this “center” represents a violation of the provisions of bilateral Moldovan-Russian agreements and universal conventions in diplomatic and consular matters, and the fact that the Moldovan side has not given its agreement for the opening of any offices with consular functions in the transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration reiterates its protest.

Considering that the mentioned „center” in Tiraspol was opened with the support and close cooperation of the self-proclaimed regime, and that the „opening ceremony” took place just a few days before the non-constitutional referendum, these actions are regarded by the Moldovan authorities as clear expressions of direct support by the Russian Federation of separatism on the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

In this context, the MFAEI requested explanations from the Russian side, and called for the immediate closure of the mentioned “center”. The authorities of the Republic of Moldova reserve the right to take adequate measures in accordance with international practice.

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