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European Bureau of Conscientious Objections

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Moldova has examined the request in order to provide information on conscientious objections and we are communicating as following:

1. The duration of mandatory military service for conscripts is 12 months, for conscripts with university education is 3 months. The duration of the civil service (alternative service) is 12 months, for citizens with high education is 6 months.

2. In accordance with the requirements of Art. 10, paragraph (2) and Art. 31, paragraph (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, the state recognizes and guarantees the right of all citizens to preserve, develop and express their ethnic, cultural, linguistic and religious identity, a right that can be restricted only as an exception in accordance with the law.

At the same time, in accordance with Art. 57, paragraph (2) of the previously mentioned act, the military service is performed in the military forces, designed for national defence, border guarding and maintaining public order, in accordance with the law.

Moreover, in accordance with the Art. 54 paragraph (2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, the exercise of rights and freedoms may not be subjected to other restrictions than those provided by law, which correspond to unanimously recognized norms of international law and are necessary in the interests of national security, territorial integrity, the economic well-being of the country, public order, in order to prevent mass disturbances and crimes, protect the rights, freedoms and dignity of other persons, prevent the disclosure of confidential information or guarantee the authority and impartiality of justice.

Initially, the rights of persons to conscience and freedom of choice of religion was established by the Law on Religions number. 979/1992, being amended along the way.

3. Recruits are informed about human rights and military obligation during the meeting of the recruitment-incorporation commission, as well as at the official handing of the recruitment certificates.

4. The decision regarding the fulfillment of the civil service (alternative) is adopted by the recruitment-incorporation (conscription) commission, and the conditions for fulfilling the respective service are provided by the Law number 156/2007, regarding the civil service (alternative).

In practice, there are cases in which for the recruits have been denied the right to perform the civil service (alternative) due to the fact of violating the rules of procedures and the unfoundedness of their requests.

5. The elaboration, promotion, the state political monitoring and the national development strategies in the field of civil service are within the competence of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection.

6. Male population who have reached the age of 18 are enlisted into the mandatory military service. In the war time, the citizens are mobilized in the Armed Forces.

7. In accordance with the provisions of Art.11 paragraph (2) of the Law no.162/2005 on the status of the military, the adherence of the military to religious cults is free, except for those which contravene the rules of public order, as well as to those which violate good morals or affect the performance of the military duties. During the performance of the military service, the military are forbidden to propagate any attitude towards religion.

8. Actually, was approved the Government Decision number 601/2018 regarding the Program "Professional Army 2018-2021", which essentially stipulated for the professionalization of the National Army, but due to the transition period, at the moment, it is under uncertainty.

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