

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA – Add.2**

### **NETHERLANDS**

- The Government of Moldova appears to have yielded to pressure from the Orthodox Church and Conservative politicians and as a result has withdrawn the draft Anti-discrimination law which included the right to sexual orientation. What next steps would the Government consider in order to assure that persons belonging to minority groups can be fully protected and enjoy the full array of human rights?
- In March 2011 the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered the combined eighth and ninth periodic reports of Moldova and expressed concern about the lack of precise and reliable data on the actual ethnic make-up of Moldova and the lack of effective implementation of existing anti-discrimination provisions. How has the Government of Moldova responded to this concern and what measures have been put in place since?
- In the Ilaşcu decision of 2004 the European Court of Human Rights considered that the Transnistria region comes under jurisdiction of both Moldova and the Russian Federation. Till now cooperation between Moldova and the Russian Federation with regard to the human rights situation in Transnistria does not yield sufficient protection of Human Rights in this breakaway region. How is the Moldovan Government planning to proceed on the proposed intergovernmental process that involves Moldova, the Russian Federation and the OSCE?