



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with reference to its Note Verbale GVA-0229 dated 9 May 2012, has the honour to transmit herewith the biographical data of Mr. Victor Zaharia, Director of the Institute for Penal Reform, Moldovan candidate for one of the seats of the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, at the elections to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 during the IV meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Switzerland, Geneva).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the assurances of its highest consideration. *V.M.*



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### Annex III

#### Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies

*Name and first name:* ZAHARIA Victor

*Date and place of birth:* 21 August 1978, Republic of Moldova

*Working languages:* English, Russian, French (basic knowledge), Romanian (native)

*Current position/function:*

Institute for Penal Reform, Director

National Legal Aid Council, Chairman

Moldova State University, Law Department, university associate professor

Disciplinary board of Superior Council of Magistrates, member from civil society/academia

*Main professional activities:*

**Visits in places of detention with members of local Committee for monitoring places of detention (OSCE, 2011-2012); Coordination of Penitentiary Reform Program (IRP, 2001-2012); Training NPM members, defense lawyers, police and prison employees, medical doctors and forensic experts, prosecutors and judges in torture prevention (UNDP, 2005-2012); Drafting legislation /amendments to Ombudsman and NPM regulatory framework, Law on civil control of places of detention, Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code on torture prevention (UNDP, Ministry of Justice, Atlas of Torture Project, 2009-2012); Performing evaluation and research as expert in Criminal Justice and Human Rights with CoE, UNDP, UNICEF, OSCE, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Institute of Justice, Ombudsperson Office, Probation Service, Prison Department, 2005 - 2012).**

*Educational background:*

Moldova State University: Doctor of Law (2006), LLM (2001), university degree (2000);

**Specialized trainings:** "UN treaty monitoring bodies", Geneva, ISHR (2008); "International Human Rights Training Program", Montreal, EQUITAS, (2008); "Client oriented defense in criminal proceedings", UK, OSI (2007); "Education in prison", Bergen, CoE (2005); "International School on Protection of Human Rights", Warsaw, PHC (2001).

*Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:*

"XIII session of UN Committee Against Torture", Geneva, preparation of alternative report to the government of the Republic of Moldova report (2003); Development, evaluation of implementation of human rights and torture prevention programs (Baseline Study on Preventing and combating Torture in Moldova, Prisoners rights, Rights of juveniles, National Mechanism of HR protection, HR education in school and universities, Functioning of the local commission of monitoring places of detention, 2006-2012); Monitoring the activity of Ombudsperson for Children (2008); Legal Aid policy formulation (NLAC, 2008-2012); Monitoring implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy as member of the Council for Reform of Law Enforcement Agencies; Participation as expert, trainer in more than 300 conferences, workshops in the field of criminal justice and human rights (2001-2012).

*List of most recent publications in the field:*

Personal security in prisons, IRP 2012; Research on retainment in the Republic of Moldova, Cartier 2011; Baseline Study on Preventing and combating Torture in Moldova, UNDP 2010; Monitoring report of Respect of the rights of the persons under pretrial arrest, IRP 2010; Guide for Local Committees of monitoring Places of Detention, UNDP 2010; Complainants Committee. Guide for detainees and prison administration, IRP 2007.