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Letter dated 17 October 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 6 October 2025 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/80/427-S/2025/624](#)) regarding the accreditation of Russian representatives as short-term observers of the monitoring mission of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), as well as the members of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation as international observers in the Moldovan parliamentary elections held on 28 September 2025. I would like to convey the following:

Despite all the internal and external challenges to which my country is exposed, the Republic of Moldova remains fully committed to its international obligations, including those under the Charter of the United Nations and the 1990 OSCE Copenhagen Document, and will continue to act responsibly, transparently and in full conformity with international law.

Our national interest is peace and freedom, preservation of democracy, economic growth and European integration.

In order to monitor the parliamentary elections of 28 September 2025, the national authorities have accredited over 900 international observers (118 from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, 147 from foreign diplomatic missions accredited in the Republic of Moldova, 28 from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, 14 from the European Parliament) and 170 international journalists, including 2 Russian long-term observers.

At the same time, the decision not to accredit observers from the Russian Federation is based strictly on security reasons. The Moldovan authorities have taken all possible legal actions to ensure a free, democratic and transparent electoral exercise. These are legitimate actions to protect our democracy and in no way “anti-Russian” measures.



We are grateful to the international election observation mission (European Parliament, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe) for its impartial and professional monitoring of the electoral process. Its interim report confirms that Moldova's parliamentary elections were competitive, offered voters a genuine choice and were supported by a sound legal framework. Observers noted important reforms such as tougher penalties for electoral corruption and stronger campaign finance regulation.

Once again, these facts underlined that, despite unprecedented Russian interference, illicit funding, cyberattacks and disinformation, our institutions upheld transparency, managed the process professionally and ensured that on election day the processes and the environment were secure. Overall, the mission commended Moldova's resilience in the face of hybrid threats and the determination of its citizens to safeguard democracy and the country's European future.

The Republic of Moldova reaffirms its steadfast commitment to democratic principles and to ensuring the electoral rights of all its citizens, both at home and abroad, in full respect of its sovereignty and international obligations.

Finally, the matter raised by the Russian Federation does not pertain to questions of international peace and security and, therefore, does not fall within the mandate of the Security Council.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 53, and of the Security Council.

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