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LANZAROTE CONVENTION

Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

FOCUSED QUESTIONNAIRE

Protecting children affected by the refugee crisis from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

(Replies sent by the State)

Replies registered by the Secretariat on 3 October 2016

DATA (Lanzarote Convention, Chapter III)

- 1) How many migrant and asylum-seeking children (accompanied and unaccompanied)¹ are in your country as a result of the refugee crisis?

According to the Law 270/2008 on asylum in the Republic of Moldova:

- minor - foreign citizen or stateless person below the age of 18 and does not have full legal capacity;
- unaccompanied minor - a foreign citizen or a stateless person below the age of 18 entering / entered or was left on the territory of Republic of Moldova without being accompanied by an adult who is responsible for him/she by the law and as long as he/she is not actually taken in the care of such a person;

On the 1st September, 2016 on the territory of the Republic of Moldova were *registered 74 children as recognized refugees (Convention 1951) or beneficiaries of humanitarian protection, and 16 children as asylum seekers*. All the children are accompanied with the parents or responsible adults. At the moment, there are NOT registered on the territory of the Republic of Moldova any unaccompanied minors as refugee or asylum seeker

- a) Please provide estimates, if exact data is not available, for the period between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016,² and specify how many of these children are victims or presumed victims of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse;

In this period there were registered 18 minors asylum seekers. In all cases they were accompanied by their parents. In that period there weren't registered any unaccompanied minor. Also, there weren't registered any case where children were victims or presumed victims of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

- b) Describe how the victims of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse were identified or describe the challenges faced to identify them. Specify whether a distinction is made between victims of sexual exploitation/abuse prior to the entry on your territory (Group 1) and after entry (Group 2) and provide data/estimates of the two groups of victims. Please also explain how the age is determined in case of doubt;

Unknown data.

- c) Indicate also how the data collected is used to offer a coordinated response between the different agencies in charge of the protection from, the prevention of and the fight against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children;

Unknown data.

¹ Please provide the definition of accompanied/unaccompanied children in your country and, if available, provide separate figures for accompanied and unaccompanied children. If such data is not available, please provide data on migrant and asylum-seeking children.

² If figures for this period are not available, please provide the most recent annual data.

- d) Identify the institution(s) responsible for the collection of above data.

Unknown data.

PREVENTION (Lanzarote Convention, Chapter II)

- 2) What are the specific measures taken to prevent that children affected by the refugee crisis fall victims of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse?
- a) Highlight in particular the measures (e.g. awareness raising material, specialised training, screening of professionals, etc.) which have proven to be effective;

Unknown data.

- b) Underline any lessons learnt from specific challenges (e.g. in raising awareness on sexual violence amidst other urgent priorities, etc.) that had to be faced to improve prevention.

Unknown data.

PROTECTION (Lanzarote Convention, Chapter IV)

- 3) Has a coordinated child protection approach been put in place to cater for the specific needs of migrant and asylum-seeking children victims of sexual exploitation and/or sexual abuse?
- a) Describe the measures taken to address the situation and cater for the children's specific needs (multiple traumas, language/cultural differences, etc.), including with respect to guardianship/placement;

Unknown data.

- b) Indicate also what measures have been taken to protect the children concerned from further exploitation/abuse and to assist the victims in seeking redress (please highlight any differences between Groups 1 and 2 of children as outlined above);

Unknown data.

- c) Underline any lessons learnt from specific challenges (in reporting suspicion of sexual exploitation and abuse, in tailoring assistance to the victims, etc.) that had to be faced to improve protection.

Unknown data.

COOPERATION (Lanzarote Convention, Chapter IX)

- 4) Provide examples of successful cooperation with other Parties to the Lanzarote Convention for the purpose of:
 - a) Preventing and combating sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children affected by the refugee crisis;

Unknown data.

- b) Protecting and providing assistance to victims;

Unknown data.

- c) Investigations or proceedings concerning the offences established in accordance with the Lanzarote Convention.

Unknown data.

ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 5) Please provide any other additional information which may be useful to identify areas for targeted cooperation aimed at ensuring that children affected by the refugee crisis are effectively protected from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse and in guaranteeing their human dignity and physical and psychological integrity.

Unknown data.