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ANGELINA ZAPOROJAN-PIRGARI

I. Relevant qualifications summary

Angelina Zaporojan-Pirgari is a women's rights advocate, founder and President of Women's Law Center NGO (2009-2018), licensed in Law, holds an European's Masters' Degree in Human Rights and Democratization. Developed the first legal service for women survivors of DV in Moldova; lead the harmonization process of national legislation, resulting in the introduction of emergency protection orders, risk assessment by the police, civil and criminal legislation enacting protection measures; developed the first curriculum for police and judiciary training on DV; drafted the first and second National Strategy on DV and VAW. During 2009-2010 was a member of the group of experts of behalf of Moldova drafting the European Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and has lead the advocacy work for the ratification of the Convention by Moldova facilitating coalition building process. Has authored numerous reports on violence against women and domestic violence. Currently is the WLC Executive Director.

II. Current professional activity

Start date: June 2023 – present

Name and address of employer: Women's Law Center/Centrul de Drept al Femeilor, str. Mihail Kogalniceanu 76, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Sector of activity: Human rights, womens' advocacy, domestic violence and violence against women

Occupation and position held: **Executive Director, Women's Law Center NGO**

Main activities and responsibilities: Responsible for the overall management and leadership of the non-governmental organization, ensure ongoing programmatic implementation according to the organization's Strategic Plan, rigorous evaluation of finance, administration, fundraising, communication and all systems within the organization. Responsible for the overall strategic development of the

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organization in accordance with the organization's Statutory mandate. The organization continues to be involved in the advocacy and development of effective legislation on gender equality and domestic violence, monitoring implementation of the legislation by national authorities and supporting women exposed to domestic violence by providing legal counseling and representation, including strategic litigation at the ECHR.

Start date: September 2017 – May 2023, involved upon request

Name and address of employer: Women's Law Center/Centrul de Drept al Femeilor, str. Mihail Kogalniceanu 76, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Sector of activity: Providing strategic advice for the organizational development as well as in the field of domestic violence and violence against women: specifically focusing on development of fundraising strategy, substantive work on development of legal assistance standards within the organization, team leader for the development of the new National Strategy to Prevent and Combat VAW and DV of Moldova (2023-2028).

Occupation and position held: **Honorary President of Women's Law Center NGO, Independent consultant**

Main activities

and responsibilities: as part of the **consultancy work** I am responsible for researching and writing various strategic documents for the NGO Women's Law Centre, such as the amendments to the internal bylaws, development of Impact evaluation instrument for WLC beneficiaries to receive feedback and continuously adjust and improve the quality of services offered by the WLC;

Team leader for the national group of experts developing the second National Strategy to Prevent and Combat DV and VAW (2023-2028), I am responsible for the working process on the policy document, including desk research of available reports and data on DV and VAW in Moldova as well as the body of reports and analysis developed by GREVIO in the attempt to identify applicable and relevant

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practices for Moldovan context; setting clear goals with the national team of experts and leading the process of developing a plan of concrete actions to reach the goals along prevention, protection, prosecution and coordinated policies. Also involved in facilitating the consultation process to co-create the new policy document with various counterparts, key actors, civil society, service providers and women survivors of violence.

Start date: September 2022 – November 2022

Name and address of employer: ALEG Romania (Association for Liberty and Gender Equality), Sibiu, Romania

Sector of activity: gender equality, domestic violence and support for Ukrainian refugees in Romania

Occupation and position held: **Independent consultant**

Main activities and responsibilities: As part of the consultancy I was responsible for conducting interviews with Ukrainian women refugees based in Sibiu in order to find out their vulnerabilities and need for various support ranging from documents and residence status, humanitarian support, educational support, legal, psychological and financial support. I conducted the interviews in Russian and thus I was able to provide a thorough understanding and evaluation of each particular situation. As part of the contract, I also delivered a public speech on the challenges of living a foreign country and my experience in adapting to new environment and finding the power within to continuously work and develop oneself.

III. Relevant previous professional activity

Dates: 10 December 2009 – September 2017

Name and address of employer: Women's Law Center/Centrul de Drept al Femeilor, str. Mihail Kogalniceanu 76, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Sector of activity: Human rights, womens' advocacy, domestic violence and violence against women

Occupation or position held: **President of Women's Law Center NGO and founding member**

Main activities and

responsibilities:

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Women's Law Center was founded to promote women's human rights by ensuring that a gender perspective is present during the law-making process and in the application of law. The organization has been involved in the advocacy and development of effective legislation on gender equality and domestic violence and supporting women exposed to domestic violence by providing legal counseling and representation.

During the mandate, built the organization from scratch, was responsible for the overall management of the organization, strategic administrative, human resources and financial planning. During this period the organization has witnessed tremendous growth, having an yearly budget amounting to 500,000 USD and a team of more than 10 persons. The impact of the organization deals with systemic change at legislative and policy level as well as transformative thinking of the professionals responsible for responding for cases of DV. To note, WLC has pioneered the first police and judiciary trainings as well as other groups of professionals involved, having trained more than 10.000 specialists so far and managed to develop curriculums both at the National Institute for Justice as well as Police Training Institute. WLC has lead the process of legislation reform in accordance with the Istanbul Convention and as a result, emergency protection order and risk assessment was introduced, as well as legislation criminalizing sexual harassment and stalking, as well as introduced free legal assistance for women victims. During this time, WLC has provided assistance to more than 5000 women and children. Has undertaken crucial research in the field of DV, such as Costing of DV in Moldova, IMAGES (International Men Gender Equality Survey) Moldova, Court Monitoring of DV, contribution to the Shadow Report on Moldova to CEDAW, etc.

Dates: September 2017 – May 2020

Name and address of employer: OAK Foundation in Switzerland, Global

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Innovation Fund based in UK, La Strada Moldova, National Center for Child Abuse Prevention, "Voinicel" Yearly Childhood Intervention Center in Moldova

Sector of activity: Human rights, women's' advocacy, domestic violence and violence against women

Occupation or position held: **Freelance consultant on domestic violence and violence against women**

Main activities and

responsibilities: External review of project proposals dealing with VAW and DV;
Conceptualizing and writing project proposals on VAW and DV to various donors, including the European Commission;
Organizational Development Coaching;
Evaluator for Investment proposal and Panellist on Project dealing with preventing VAWG through education and life skills taught to children and youth in Kenya.

Dates: 2007 – 2009

Name and address of employer: UNFPA Moldova, UNDP Moldova, OSCE Mission to Moldova, UNWomen Moldova, ILO Moldova

Sector of activity: Human rights, women's' advocacy, domestic violence and violence against women

Occupation or position held: **Freelance consultant on domestic violence and violence against women and anti-discrimination legislation**

Main activities and responsibilities:

- Contribution to Report on the implementation of Internationally Agreed Commitments, including MDGs, CEDAW, ICCPR, ICESCR, etc, in the view of preparation for the National Voluntary Presentation with special focus on gender equality at ECOSOC;
- Advisor to Ministry of Social Protection, Family and Child on the domestic violence legislative framework.
- Review of the national legal framework and reproductive rights and violence against women.

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Dates: 07.2004-11.2006

Name and address of employer: UNICEF Moldova

Occupation or position held: **Project Officer on Child Trafficking**

Main duties and
Responsibilities:

Support in design and management of anti-trafficking projects implemented in the Child Protection Program;
Data collection on the implementation progress of anti-trafficking projects;
Ongoing field visits to the project sites for the monitoring and evaluation of the situation;
Drafting project proposals, donor reports and contribution to the annual progress reports, and others;
Representing UNICEF at meetings with government counterparts, non-governmental organizations and international organizations;
Providing advice to relevant government counterparts on child trafficking /child protection issues;

Dates: 04.2003-06.2004

Name and address of employer: OSCE Mission to Moldova, Project
“Strengthening Protection and Assistance to
Victims of Trafficking, Adults and Minors”

Occupation or position held: **Legal Advisor**

Main duties and
responsibilities:

Support in management and oversight of the Project activities;
Preparation of memo, conducting research on national legislation and providing legal opinion for Project experts (international and national);
Drafting legal project documents, such as: project agreements (Project Cooperation Agreement, Agreement on the Transfer of Equipment); Terms of Reference for hiring of international/regional experts and for the implementation of specific Project activities;
Implementing Agency Agreements based on the OSCE rules and guidelines, Notes for Records for relevant project activities;
Provision of advice and recommendations to the Anti-Trafficking Officer on any aspect

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dealing with the national legislation or draft legislation on anti-trafficking issues;
Maintenance of regular working relations on Project issues with senior level representatives of national institutions, international organizations and NGOs (correspondence and arranging/participating in meetings);
Representing the Mission at round-tables and seminars upon request of the ATO and making presentations in Romanian on the Project or anti-trafficking issues to the local counterparts;

IV. Relevant additional responsibilities

Dates: 2018-2022

Name and address of organisation/body: National Center of the Child Abuse
Prevention Moldova

Sector of activity: Violence against Children and Domestic Violence,
Good governance and administration in NGOs

Position held: **Chairwoman and Member of the Board of Administration**

Main activities and responsibilities: Participation in regular meetings;
Provision of advice and recommendation on main policy and strategic documents within the organization; authorization of certain spending that is under the Board's mandate.

Dates: 04.2009 – 2011

Sector of activity: Violence against women, domestic violence, human rights and legal drafting, international law

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Name and address of organisation/body: funding made available through the OSCE Mission in Moldova at the request of national authorities

Position held: **Expert, member of the official Delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe Ad-hoc Committee on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence**

Main duties: Formulating opinions and comments on the contents of the future European Convention on the issue of violence against women and domestic violence
Participated at regular meetings in Strasbourg, France

V. Education/training

Dates: 09.2002-07.2003

Title of qualifications awarded: **European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization**, Programme organized by 25 European Union Universities, with the support of European Union, the sponsorship of UNESCO and UNHCR.

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered: International Human Rights, International Criminal Law; International Humanitarian Law; Globalization and Inequality; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Right to Development, Democratization and Election Observation.

Name and type of organisation: Diploma granted by the University of Padova, Italy

Dates: 09.1995 – 07.2000

Title of qualifications awarded: **Licence in Law, speciality in International Public Law**

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered: Law and International Public Law

Name and type of organisation: Moldova State University, Faculty of Law, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

VI. Publications:

1. Report on Court Monitoring of Cases of Domestic violence, Sexual Violence and Trafficking in persons, WLC and Global Rights for Women,

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Chisinau 2018, https://globalrightsforwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CDF_Monitorizare_web_EN-1-2.pdf

2. Report on Costing of Domestic Violence in the Republic of Moldova, WLC and UN Women, Chisinau 2016
[,https://moldova.unwomen.org/en/biblioteca-digitala/publicatii/2016/01/report-on-costing-of-domestic-violence-and-violence-against-women-in-moldova](https://moldova.unwomen.org/en/biblioteca-digitala/publicatii/2016/01/report-on-costing-of-domestic-violence-and-violence-against-women-in-moldova)
3. IMAGES Moldova (Men and Gender Equality in Moldova), WLCA and Promundo Chisinau 2015, <https://www.equimundo.org/resources/men-gender-equality-republic-moldova-images-moldova/>
4. Good practices and challenges on the Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 (No. 183) and the Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1981 (No. 156): A comparative study, Geneva 2012
https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---gender/documents/publication/wcms_192554.pdf

VII. Computer skills

Software packages: MS Office, Word, PowerPoint, blind typing at high speed in English and Romanian language

VIII. Language skills

Mother tongue	Romanian				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C1	C2	B2	B2	B1

Other languages: Russian