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## Support for Moldovan Parliament's initiatives in restoring the rule of law

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This written declaration does not reflect the position of the Assembly; only of those members that have signed it. It will not be considered further by the Assembly.

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

We welcome the legislative initiative registered in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova concerning the ending of all politically motivated cases. We call upon the Moldovan Parliament to take into account the importance of the following written Declarations: Nos. 14926 of 27 July 2019, 14819 of 24 January 2019, 14649 of 11 October 2018, 14379 second edition of 20 October 2017, as well as the report of the Parliamentary Assembly on the functioning of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova of 3 October 2019.

We emphasise the urgent need to stop any and all criminal proceedings which have been brought unlawfully and abusively –whether by means of fabricated accusations or through the selective use and abuse of the criminal justice system– often against political opponents and their lawyers.

We reiterate the importance of fighting impunity and bringing those responsible for human rights abuses to justice.

We welcome the decision of several States to ban the fugitive oligarch Plahotniuc from entering their jurisdictions due to his involvement in corrupt acts that undermined the rule of law in the Republic of Moldova.

We stress that the strongest possible sanctions should be applied to any or all individuals who compromised the independence of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova.

*Signed (see overleaf)*



*Signed*<sup>1</sup>:

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EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party  
SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group  
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left  
NR: Representatives not belonging to a Political Group