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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to forward herewith the responses to the Questionnaire related to the Evaluation of the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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textbooks, teacher training, improvement of the school environment, etc. The Member States will be called upon to provide their final **national evaluation report** to the United Nations inter-agency coordinating committee.

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51. The inter-agency coordinating committee will prepare a final evaluation report based on national evaluation reports, in cooperation with relevant international, regional and non-governmental organizations. The report will be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session (2008).

The **Human Rights Council** in resolution 12/4 of 1 October 2009:

6. Reminds Member States of the need to prepare and submit their **national evaluation reports** on the first phase of the World Programme to the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System by early 2010; and

7. Requests the Coordinating Committee to submit a final evaluation report of the implementation of the first phase of the World Programme, based on **national evaluation reports**, in cooperation with relevant international, regional and non-governmental organizations, to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session (autumn 2010).

This evaluation will be carried out by the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System (UNIACC), for which the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) provides the secretariat.³

3. Content of evaluation

The aforementioned Plan of Action defines human rights education and outlines key actions to be undertaken by ministries of education and other school and civil society actors working in partnership to integrate human rights education effectively in the primary and secondary school systems. The UNIACC evaluation will therefore be based on national reporting on key elements drawn from the Plan of Action, namely the five main components of human rights education in the primary and secondary school systems, in the context of the minimum action which Member States are encouraged to undertake during the first phase of the World Programme.

3.1 Components of human rights education in the primary and secondary school systems

Human rights education promotes a rights-based approach to education. The Plan of Action provides at paragraph 18:

Therefore, human rights education in the primary and secondary school systems includes:

- (a) Policies — developing in a participatory way and adopting coherent educational policies, legislation and strategies that are human rights-based, including curriculum improvement and training policies for teachers and other educational personnel;*

³ UNIACC was established in September 2006, as mandated by the Plan of Action, to facilitate coordinated United Nations support to the national integration of human rights education in national school systems. The Inter-Agency Committee, for which OHCHR provides the Secretariat, is composed of 12 UN system entities and affiliated organizations, namely: ILO, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDG, UNDP, UNDPI, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNRWA, and the World Bank. The Council of Europe has participated as an observer.

- (b) *Policy implementation — planning the implementation of the abovementioned educational policies by taking appropriate organizational measures and by facilitating the involvement of all stakeholders;*
- (c) *Learning environment — the school environment itself respects and promotes human rights and fundamental freedoms. It provides the opportunity for all school actors (students, teachers, staff and administrators and parents) to practice human rights through real-life activities. It enables children to express their views freely and to participate in school life;*
- (d) *Teaching and learning — all teaching and learning processes and tools are rights-based (for instance, the content and objectives of the curriculum, participatory and democratic practices and methodologies, appropriate materials including the review and revision of existing textbooks, etc.);*
- (e) *Education and professional development of teachers and other personnel — providing the teaching profession and school leadership, through pre- and in-service training, with the necessary knowledge, understanding, skills and competencies to facilitate the learning and practice of human rights in schools, as well as with appropriate working conditions and status.*

A detailed description of the five components and related courses of action, to serve as a reference tool, is provided in the appendix.

3.2 Minimum action required by States

Paragraph 26 of the Plan of Action on “Stages of the implementation strategy” calls for *analysis of the current situation of human rights education in the school system (stage 1); setting priorities and developing a national implementation strategy (stage 2); implementing and monitoring (stage 3); and evaluating (stage 4).*

Paragraph 27 of the Plan of Action provides that *Member States are encouraged to undertake as minimum action during the first phase (2005-2007) of the World Programme the following:*

- (a) *An analysis of the current situation of human rights education in the school system (stage 1);*
- (b) *Setting of priorities and the development of the national implementation strategy (stage 2);*
- (c) *The initial implementation of planned activities.*

II. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR GOVERNMENTS

The questionnaire below to be completed by Governments contains questions that should be addressed in Member States' national reports. Please mark the specific answers with corresponding numbers of the questions. In addition to the questionnaire, supplementary information may also be provided as additional attachments to your report.⁴ Governments are strongly encouraged to involve National Human Rights Institutions and civil society in the preparation of their reports. Please return the completed questionnaire and any other additional information to the Methodology, Education and Training Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (by fax: +41 22 917 9008 or by email: registry@ohchr.org ; with copy to wphre@ohchr.org) no later than 31 March 2010. Submissions by email are preferred, but any materials not available electronically may be posted to OHCHR, attn: METS – WPHRE, Palais des Nations, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Replies received by the deadline will be reflected in the evaluation report to be submitted to the UN General Assembly 65th session and may also be uploaded on OHCHR's website for the World Programme.

Part 1: BASIC INFORMATION

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⁴ This may include but is not limited to relevant information reported to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies contained in Common Core Documents and Treaty-specific reports, as well as relevant responses to UNESCO (e.g. Forth Consultation on the Implementation of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms), Council of Europe (EDC/HRE programme "Learning and Living Democracy for All" 2006-2009), and other consultations.

Part 2: COMPONENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

A. Educational policies⁵ and policy implementation

10. Do education laws, education policies and education policy objectives exist which explicitly refer to the following?⁶

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
▪ Human rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ The right to education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ A rights-based approach to education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ Human rights education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

You may elaborate further if you wish:

The educational code is in the developing process along with all regulation documents which are in line with international conventions/standards.

11. Is human rights education incorporated in national plans and strategies including those listed below where they exist?⁷

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Doesn't exist</i>
▪ National human rights plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ National plans of action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ National poverty reduction strategies and other development plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ National sectoral plans for primary and secondary education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ National plans for Education for All (EFA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▪ National policy frameworks as part of the Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes to any of the above, please elaborate.

12. Has a national implementation strategy been developed to implement any human rights education policy objective?⁸

A national implementation strategy is in approval process at the Government level.

If yes, have young people/learners been involved in both developing the national implementation strategy and in its implementation?

⁵ Education policies according to the Plan of Action include legislation, plans of action, curricula and training policies.

⁶ Plan of Action, appendix A.2-5.

⁷ Plan of Action, appendix A.5(d).

⁸ Plan of Action, appendix B.10.

n/a

Has the strategy been published and disseminated? If yes, please share a copy or refer to a website address if available online.

yes

13. Is human rights education present in the national curriculum and educational standards?⁹ If yes, please explain its status (e.g. obligatory or optional, subject-based or cross-curricular?).

yes

14. Please state whether guidelines exist for writing or revising textbooks that reflect human rights principles?¹⁰

yes

Have textbooks been prepared according to these guidelines?

yes

15. Please refer to any national or sub-national policies that promote a human rights-based approach to school governance, management, discipline procedures, inclusion policies and other regulations and practices affecting the school culture and access to education.¹¹

National plans for Education for All (EFA), National policy frameworks as part of the Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005 - 2014).

16. Is there a comprehensive training policy on human rights education for teachers and other educational personnel in schools?¹²

yes, we have inpre-service and in-service training policies for scholl humanitarian subjects.

B. Learning environment

17. Are human rights integrated into the learning environments of schools including school governance and management?¹³ Please mark on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Yes, comprehensively, 5 = Not at all):

Yes, comprehensively 1 2 3 4 5 *Not at all*

⁹ Plan of Action, appendix A.5(e)(ii)-(iv).

¹⁰ Plan of Action, appendix A.5(e)(viii).

¹¹ Plan of Action, appendix A.5(e)(ix).

¹² Plan of Action, appendix A.5(f).

¹³ Plan of Action, appendix A.4.

18. Do practices not defined as human rights education exist in your country which reflect the principles of the rights-based approach to education, such as peace education, citizenship and values education, multicultural education, global education, education for tolerance or education for sustainable development?¹⁴ If yes, please explain.

yes, there are practices, in both primary and secondary education, that are valorified by the studying subjects such as literature, history, foreign languages, and special subjects like: moral-spiritual education which is mandatory for primary school and optional for secondary education, civic education and class teacher's activity.

19. Do opportunities exist in schools for students to express themselves freely, to have responsibility, to participate in decision making (in accordance with their age and evolving capacity) and to organize for their own interests?¹⁵ Please mark on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Comprehensive opportunities exist, 5 = Not at all):

<i>Comprehensive opportunities exist</i>	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Not at all</i>
▪ To express themselves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ To have responsibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ To participate in decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ To organize for their own interests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

20. Are there interactions between schools, local government, civil society and the wider community facilitating awareness of children's rights and the key principles of human rights education?¹⁶ Please mark on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Comprehensive interactions take place, 5 = Not at all):

<i>Comprehensive interactions take place</i>	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Not at all</i>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

21. Are monitoring systems in place to assess the following?¹⁷ Please mark on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Comprehensive monitoring systems, 5 = Not at all):

<i>Comprehensive monitoring systems</i>	1	2	3	4	5	<i>Not at all</i>
▪ Respect for human rights principles in teaching practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
▪ Teaching quality with regard to human rights education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹⁴ Plan of Action, II B.

¹⁵ Plan of Action, appendix C.15(c). See also General comment No. 1, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, which states that "The participation of children in school life, the creation of school communities and student councils, peer education and peer counselling, and the involvement of children in school disciplinary proceedings should be promoted as part of the process of learning and experiencing the realization of rights" (para. 8).

¹⁶ Plan of Action, appendix C.15(d).

¹⁷ Plan of Action, appendix D.19(f) and B.10(b)(x).

- Respect for human rights principles in school management and governance processes¹⁸
- Changes in students' knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and behaviour with regard to understanding of and respect for human rights¹⁹

22. Please outline how schools fund human rights education including sources and the percentage of State budget allocated in this area?²⁰

The schools are entirely funded by public budget with no subject specification.

C. Teaching and learning processes

23. Do curriculum subjects in primary and secondary schooling include human rights education?²¹ If so, which curriculum subjects include human rights education at primary and secondary levels?

yes, in both primary and secondary education, that are valorified by the studying subjects such as literature, history, foreign languages, and special subjects like: moral-spiritual education which is mandatory for primary school and optional for secondary education, civic education and class teacher's activity.

How many hours are taught and at what grade levels?

primary education 1st - 4th grades: basic subjects - about 10-20 hours, special subjects - about 45-55 hours; secondary education 5th - 12th grades: basic subject 30-40 hours, special subjects 60-102 hours.

24. Do learning methodologies associated with these human rights education activities exist which are child friendly, learner-centred and encourage participation?²² Please mark on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Yes, comprehensively, 5 = Not at all):

Yes, comprehensively 1 2 3 4 5 *Not at all*

Some of the methodologies are the Development of critical thinking, Debates, Team work, Project method etc.

25. Which institution(s) has/have the authority to develop, approve and change curricula?²³

Ministry of Education

¹⁸ Plan of Action, appendix A.5(e)(ix).

¹⁹ Plan of Action, appendix A.5(e)(x).

²⁰ Plan of Action III E.

²¹ Plan of Action, II B.20 and appendix D.19(a).

²² Plan of Action, appendix D.19.

²³ Plan of Action, III D.28 and appendix D.19(c).

26. Do teacher guides, manuals, textbooks, and other teaching and learning materials in primary and secondary education conform with human rights principles?²⁴ Please mark on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Yes, comprehensively, 5 = Not at all):

Yes, comprehensively 1 2 3 4 5 *Not at all*

Are materials not produced by your Government being used in schools? If so, who produced them?

yes, UNICEF, Information and Documentation Centre regarding the Children's Rights, The Independent Society for Education and Human Rights etc.

D. Training of school personnel

27. Is human rights education included in the following?

- | | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ▪ Pre-service teacher training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ In-service teacher training | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Head teacher training ²⁵ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Is participation voluntary or mandatory?

mandatory

How many hours are offered?

from 6 hours to 18 hours

28. To what extent is learning, good practice, research and materials collected and made available to educators in human rights education?²⁶

It is undertaken according to the national curricula.

29. To what extent do recruitment, appraisal and promotion policies for teachers, headmasters and school inspectors reflect human rights principles?²⁷

comprehensively

30. How are human rights trainings for teachers assessed?²⁸

certificates

²⁴ Plan of Action, appendix D.19(c).

²⁵ Plan of Action, appendix E.26.

²⁶ Plan of Action appendix D.19(d).

²⁷ Plan of Action, appendix C.15(b)(v).

²⁸ Plan of Action, appendix E.27(f).

Part 3: CHALLENGES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

31. To what extent has the Plan of Action for the WPHRE 1st Phase contributed to improving the integration of human rights education into schools systems?

significantly

32. Please indicate the main obstacles to the implementation of the Plan of Action to the 1st Phase of the World Programme in your country on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = No obstacle, 5 = Major obstacle):

No obstacle 1 2 3 4 5 *Major obstacle*

- Lack of awareness of WPHRE at central government level
- Lack of awareness of WPHRE at local government level
- Lack of interest in WPHRE at central government level
- Lack of interest in WPHRE at local government level
- Teachers do not have sufficient training
- Insufficient tools available to implement the programme
- Insufficient financial resources to implement the programme
- Other (please specify):

33. Please indicate any actions undertaken by your country to ensure the World Programme is known amongst (1) education officials, (2) teachers and (3) young people.

Information notices sent to educational officials, meetings with regional educational officials, ministry's staff meetings with teachers and young people.

34. Please indicate on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = Used often, 5 = Not used) the usefulness of the following publications and/or tools available at <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/TrainingEducation.aspx>

Used often 1 2 3 4 5 *Not used*

- *WPHRE Plan of Action for the 1st phase*
- *ABC - Teaching Human Rights: Practical activities for primary and secondary schools*
- *Human Rights Education in the School Systems of Europe, Central Asia and North America: A Compendium of Good Practice* (joint publication of OHCHR, OSCE/ODIHR, CoE and UNESCO)

35. (Optional). Please describe the methodology and process adopted in preparing your national evaluation report:

Exist UNDP report

36. Please make any other comments not provided elsewhere:

THANK YOU.