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## **Republic of Moldova follows an undemocratic path**

European Left condemns irresponsible neo-liberal policy undermining the democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova.

Despite a substantial victory in the last parliamentary elections of 29 July 2009, the Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova, which got 44% of the votes (compared to 15% for the second party), was pushed into opposition.

A new parliamentary majority that consists of four parties - three liberal and one social democratic party - was created immediately after the elections. With deep concern we must state that the first actions of the new government already represent a step back in the development of the democratic institutions of Moldova. The recent changes in the audio-visual code, the total ignorance of the rights of the opposition in Parliament, serious changes in the social-security policies, the lack of continuity in the Transnistrian problem settlement: All this leads to major instability in the Moldovan society.

The Party of the European Left expresses its serious concern about the ongoing political crisis in the Republic of Moldova caused by an irresponsible policy of the new parliamentary majority that affects the democratic development of the Republic of Moldova.

The liberal-democratic coalition started a campaign to oppress the right of freedom of speech by trying to shut down oppositional and critical mass-media. In this context, we express our concern about the recent attacks in order to subordinate mass-media, which expresses itself in attacks on Antena C radio station, OMEGA news agency, public tele-radio Company Moldova 1.

The European Left considers as unacceptable that the whole country becomes a hostage of the liberal-democratic coalition's undemocratic policy.

We request from the EU Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament as well as the Council of Europe to play a more active role to stop and prevent the violation of human rights, overriding democracy and discrediting European values. European institutions have to take their responsibility for preventing the establishment of an undemocratic regime in the Republic of Moldova.