

Submission of the Republic of Moldova under resolution 79/28

“United Nations study on disarmament and non-proliferation education” adopted by the General Assembly on 2 December 2024

I. Training Courses

1. During the period 14–18 July 2025, at Chisinau, a training course on the National Focal Point for Firearms within the EU4Security Moldova project was conducted, covering the following topics:

14 July 2025, under the auspices of CEPOL:

- International legislation and policy documents in the field of firearms;
- Flows of illicit firearms – completion of the required questionnaires;

15 July 2025, under the auspices of CEPOL:

- Forensic aspects – ballistic identification and tracing;
- Identification of firearms;
- Firearms tracing;

16 July 2025, under the auspices of INTERPOL:

- The i-Arms system;

17 July 2025, under the auspices of CEPOL:

- Opportunities for international cooperation (EMPACT, EUROPOL, EFE, SELECT, INTERPOL, etc.);

18 July 2025, under the auspices of EUROPOL:

- Current threats related to firearms;
- Introduction to cyber patrolling – OSINT and the Dark Web.

The course was attended by staff members from the National Firearms Focal Point (NFFP), the Forensic and Judicial Expertise Centre, the National Investigation Inspectorate, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the General Inspectorate of Border Police, the Customs Service, the Prosecutor’s Office for Combating Organized Crime and Special Cases, the General Prosecutor’s Office, the National Anticorruption Center, and the Intelligence and Security Service. In total, 26 staff members participated.

2. During the period 06–07 August 2025, at the Sniping Club Shooting Range (Criuleni), a training course on crime scene investigation in cases involving the use of firearms and the extension of investigations towards illicit firearms trafficking was conducted, including the following modules:

Module 1: Introduction and Basic Elements

- Safety rules in handling firearms – best practices and associated risks;
- Shooting sessions (supervised practical exercises);

Module 2: Crime Scene Investigation (theoretical)

- Crime scene investigation: legal and procedural aspects relevant to investigate the use of firearms;
- Identification and analysis of traces left by projectiles on various surfaces (metal, plastic, wood, glass), depending on caliber and type of firearm;

Module 3: Extending Investigations – From Crime to Firearms Trafficking

- Integration of crime scene data into broader investigations concerning firearms trafficking;

Module 4: Practical Exercise

- Crime scene investigation in a simulated armed attack against a vehicle.

The course was attended by 16 persons, including one employee of the National Firearms Focal Point.

3. During the period 13–27 October 2025, one employee of the National Firearms Focal Point participated in the online training course entitled “Law Enforcement Course on Combating Firearms and Explosives Crime (Fire Arms Crime).”
4. During the period 19–21 January 2026, 10 employees from the General Police Inspectorate and 10 employees from the General Inspectorate of Border Police, totaling 20 employees, participated in the continuous professional training course entitled “Illicit Firearms Trafficking,” organized by the Professional Development Directorate of the “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
5. During the period 10–13 February 2026, 15 employees from the General Police Inspectorate, the General Inspectorate of Border Police, and the Customs Service participated in the training course entitled “Identification and Classification of Firearms, Their Essential Components and Ammunition,” intended for trainers on the identification and classification of firearms for customs officials and police officers. The course was organized within the framework of the project “Support for Reducing Illicit Firearms in Moldova,” financed by the Federal Republic of Germany and conducted under the auspices of the Secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
6. During the period 17–20 February 2026, 16 employees from the General Police Inspectorate, the General Inspectorate of Border Police, and the Customs Service participated in the training course entitled “Identification and Classification of Firearms, Their Essential Components and Ammunition,” intended for trainers on the identification and classification of firearms for customs officials and police officers. The course was organized within the framework of the project “Support for Reducing Illicit Firearms in Moldova,” financed by the Federal Republic of Germany and conducted under the auspices of the Secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
7. The curricula of the “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy include the academic discipline International Security and Civil Protection, within which students study both the subjects reflected in the above-mentioned United Nations Study and the provisions of the National Programme on the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and the Reduction of Risks Arising from Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Threats for the years 2025–2029, approved by Government Decision of the Republic of Moldova No. 333 of 5 June 2025.

II. Operations aimed on raising public awareness regarding the culture of firearms handling and compliance with the conditions for carrying and possessing firearms, as well as encouraging community members to voluntarily surrender firearms, ammunition, and other prohibited items illegally possessed to the Police.

2025

During the periods 10.03.2025–21.03.2025, 28.03.2025–10.04.2025, 16.09.2025–25.09.2025, and 29.12.2025–09.01.2026, the special nationwide operation “Arsenal” was organized and carried out.

2026

During the period 14–21 April 2026, the special nationwide operation “Arsenal” was organized and carried out.

III. Public awareness campaigns regarding the voluntary surrender of illegally held firearms.

During the period 01 February – 06 March 2026, based on Glodeni Police Inspectorate Order No. 10 of 29 January 2026, a local action plan was approved and implemented, under which the campaign entitled “Now is the Time to Surrender Your Weapons” was carried out.