

Submission of the Republic of Moldova under General Assembly resolution 79/49

**„Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium”**

The UN General Assembly has requested Member States and relevant international organizations to provide the Secretary-General with their views regarding the effects of using weapons and ammunition containing depleted uranium.

Depleted uranium is used in some countries in armor-piercing munitions or armor; however, the Republic of Moldova is a neutral country, without military capabilities of this type and without programs involving such materials.

Nevertheless, the Ministry of Internal Affairs contributes indirectly to the implementation of this resolution through cooperation with other competent national institutions in the CBRN field and participation of police officers in training courses and exercises on emergency management and hazardous substances.

In this context the following capacity-building activities in 2025 were held:

*Specialized training courses:*

➤ Between 13-17 January 2025, 3 police officers participated in the course "International Investigation of Dual-Use Items", organized by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

➤ Between 27-31 January 2025, 2 police officers participated in the course "Building a Case on CBRN-related Offences", organized by the National Institute of Justice (INJ) in partnership with IINUCDIJ.

➤ Between 1-4 April 2025, 2 police officers participated in the course "Building a Case on CBRN-related Offences", organized by the National Institute of Justice (INJ) in partnership with IINUCDIJ.

➤ On 6 May 2025, 11 police officers participated in the course "Strengthening Police Capacities through Specialized Equipment for CBRN Material Detection/Identification", organized by the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (IGSU) of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

➤ Between 8-12 December 2025, 6 police officers participated in the course "Investigation of Cybercrime related to Weapons of Mass Destruction", organized by the International Counter-Proliferation Program, United States Department of War, under the auspices of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

*International exercises:*

➤ Between 29 September – 3 October 2025, 2 police officers participated in the international exercise "Border Shield 25" on CBRN Risk Management, organized under the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative, in Ungheni, Republic of Moldova.

➤ Between 10-13 November 2025, 3 police officers participated in the Simulation Exercise (SimEx), organized by the European Centre for Disease Prevention (ECDC) with the support of EUROPOL, in Copenhagen, Denmark.