

The Republic of Moldova submits the following information in response to the requests contained in UN General Assembly resolution 80/29

„Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels”

Legal possession of conventional arms – As per police records, 64,821 individuals legally possess 81,700 firearms (29,027 rifled barrel weapons, 44,624 smooth-bore weapons, and 8,049 non-lethal weapons). In addition, 234 legal entities manage 4,371 firearms (2,939 rifled barrel, 1,289 smooth-bore, and 143 non-lethal).

Law enforcement actions during 2025 – A total of 2,778 weapons were removed from circulation: 323 for temporary storage, 935 due to violation of possession/carrying rules, 437 illegally held, 134 voluntarily surrendered, and 949 sent to the State Commission for evaluation and recycling. A total of 56,100 inspections were conducted regarding compliance with weapons storage conditions (56,006 inspections of individuals and 94 of legal entities). As a result, 25 referrals were submitted to initiate the necessary measures to remedy the violations detected and ensure compliance with the legislation in force.

Marking and ballistic testing (2025) – A total of 4,581 weapons were marked, and 8,802 experimental ballistic tests were performed (4,456 at the request of individuals and 4,346 at the request of legal entities).

Destruction campaign – In March 2025, with financial support and monitoring by the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), the General Police Inspectorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs organized and conducted a weapons destruction exercise through smelting. A total of **2,177** firearms were destroyed.

National special operation "Arsenal" (2025–2026) - The special national operation "ARSENAL" is a periodic police action conducted in the Republic of Moldova to inspect legal firearm holders, prevent illicit possession, and reduce the risk of armed incidents.

Year 2025

➤ **First phase** (10–21 March 2025) – The following items were voluntarily surrendered: 44 weapons and 4,934 units of ammunition (9 smooth-bore long-barrelled weapons, 1 pneumatic pistol, 18 pneumatic weapons, 6 flare pistols, 6 gas pistols, 2 starting pistols, 1 grenade fuze, 3 grenades, 4,934 rounds of ammunition, 3 magazines, and 4 signal mines).

➤ **Second phase** (16–25 September 2025) – A total of 133 firearms were seized (19 for temporary storage, 21 due to violation of possession/carrying/use rules, 26 illegally

held, 5 voluntarily surrendered, and 62 received for the State Commission for Evaluation). Concurrently, 1,117 rounds of ammunition of various calibres were seized (80 for temporary storage, 514 for violation of conditions, 505 illegally held, 11 voluntarily surrendered, 7 sent to the State Commission), as well as 2 grenades and 3 shells. A total of 7,309 inspections were conducted. It was established that 378 weapon holders were abroad, 21 were *deceased*, and in 5 cases *the whereabouts of the weapon holders are unknown*.

Year 2025–2026

➤ **Third phase** (29 December 2025 – 9 January 2026) – A total of 133 firearms were seized (60 for temporary storage, 42 due to violation of possession/carrying/use rules, 25 illegally held, 6 voluntarily surrendered, and 101 received for the State Commission for Evaluation, Bonification and Recycling). Concurrently, 258 rounds of ammunition of various calibres were seized (42 for temporary storage, 105 illegally held, 90 voluntarily surrendered, 21 sent to the State Commission). A total of 2,491 inspections were conducted.