

- The Government of the Republic of Moldova reaffirms its unwavering commitment to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association as fundamental components of a democratic society, guaranteeing to all citizens of the country the right to protest by holding meetings and demonstrations. At the same time, in agreement with the laws in force, the participants must act peacefully and without violence or threat of violence.
  
- In accordance with the Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.
  
- The investigations were launched upon an authorization given by the judges and all alleged offences were duly documented in accordance with current national legislation. In cases when an assembly is no longer peaceable or legal one, if it is done in a violent, boisterous or tumultuous manner, the authorities may place restrictions on the right to assembly that will maintain law in order, facilitate traffic, protect private property and reduce noise congestion.
  
- Finally, I would like to reassure you that the Republic of Moldova will continue to be attached to its international commitments, including those related to freedom of association and to pay utmost attention to the principles characterising a democratic society.