

**Question for written answer E-002934/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Potential abusive use of Article 206 of the Moldovan Criminal Procedure Code to target the LGBTQIA + community

According to a number of reports from human rights organisations and prison inmates in Moldova, the LGBTQIA + community is one of the targets of the arbitrary and discriminatory use of an article of the Moldovan Criminal Procedure Code which sanctions child trafficking.

The abusive use of Article 206 is occurring in a social and legal landscape marked by widespread systemic discrimination. There are also reports that ambiguous laws are being used to formally charge members of sexual minorities with other crimes.

Though Moldova has been granted the status of candidate country for accession to the European Union, it must uphold the rule of law and fundamental rights and comply with the European Convention on Human Rights if this process is to continue.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of reports of Article 206 of the Moldovan Criminal Procedure Code being used to discriminate against members of the LGBTQIA + community?
2. Will it monitor the human rights situation for LGBTQIA + inmates in Moldovan prisons, potentially by working together with independent NGOs and the Council of Europe?
3. Does the Commission believe that further progress in Moldova's accession process should be made conditional on a judicial reform which eliminates all forms of legal abuse against vulnerable minorities, including the LGBTQIA + community?

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