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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

**Initial reports submitted by States parties under
articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant**

**Addendum
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA***

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* The information submitted by Moldova in accordance with the guidelines concerning the initial part of reports of States parties is contained in the core document (HRI/CORE/1/Add.114).

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593. The Constitution of the Republic of Moldova guarantees the right of every human being to create, including the freedom to create artistic and scientific work (art. 33, para. 1). Such creative activity is not subject to censorship.

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595. Article 33, paragraph 2 of the Constitution stipulates that “the State shall support the preservation, development and propagation of national and universal cultural and scientific achievements”. The Constitution also guarantees the freedom of opinion and expression. The Law on Culture, adopted on 27 May 1999 elaborates on the constitutional principles governing cultural activities, the main objectives being the following:

- (a) To insure and protect constitutional right of citizens to cultural activities;
- (b) To establish the basic principles of the State cultural policy and the legal norms on the basis of which the free development of culture is guaranteed.