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**REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: THE PACE MONITORING CO-RAPPORTEURS WELCOME THE AUTHORITIES' DETERMINED ACTION TO REFORM THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND FIGHT CORRUPTION**

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At the end of a fact-finding visit to the Republic of Moldova (12-15 October), the monitoring co-rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Inese Lībiņa-Egnere (Latvia, EPP/CD) and Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), welcomed the determination of the Moldovan authorities to reform the judiciary to strengthen its independence and to fight corruption, creating a momentum for change aimed at addressing the concerns of the population.

They welcomed, in particular, the adoption of constitutional amendments agreed upon by all major political parties to depoliticise the judiciary. They also welcomed the cooperation with the Council of Europe in pursuing judicial reform. These changes, they stressed, are aimed at restoring confidence in the state bodies and should build sustainable institutions based on European standards.

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