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The Women's Law Center (WLC) is an NGO established by women lawyers in 2009. The organization was founded to promote women's human rights by ensuring that a gender perspective is applied during the law-making and implementation process. The organization has been involved in advocacy and development of effective legislation on gender equality and domestic violence and is supporting women exposed to domestic violence by providing legal counseling and representation.

The Advocates for Human Rights (The Advocates) is a non-profit organization that seeks to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law. The Advocates holds special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. The Advocates and WLC have partnered since 2011, publishing a human rights report on domestic violence in Moldova in 2012, consulting on draft amendments to the domestic violence law, and training multi-disciplinary groups, including police, prosecutors, and judges, on effective implementation of the domestic violence laws and batterer intervention groups.

International Center for Women's Rights Protection and Promotion "La Strada" (International Center "La Strada") is an NGO established by advocates in 2001. Founded to ensure that the rights of women and children in Moldova are respected at all levels – individual, legislative and executive, it strives to build a society where human rights are respected, address the issues affecting women and children, and contribute to the protection of those affected. The organization conducts research, legislative advocacy, and provides direct services.

Promo-LEX Association is a civil society organization with special ECOSOC consultative status, whose purpose is to advance democracy in Moldova by promoting and defending human rights and monitoring democratic processes. Preventing and combating gender-based violence is one of Promo-LEX's priority areas.

The National Coalition "Life without violence!" (The National Coalition) is a platform of 18 NGOs, grass-root organizations, and public institutions working on preventing and combating violence against women and children.¹ Created in 2014, The Coalition engages in advocacy initiatives to support education, awareness- raising, and services, through rehabilitation, assistance, and protection for those abused, as well as aggressors.

The Advocates, the WLC, Promo-LEX, the National Coalition, and International Center "La Strada" jointly submit this report to the U.N. Human Rights Council for Moldova's second Universal Periodic Review.

¹ Members of the National Coalition are: Women's Law Center (also holding the secretariat), International Center "La Strada", Promo-LEX, "Association Against Domestic Violence-Casa Marioarei", RCTV "Memoria", National Center to Prevent the Abuse against Children, Center of Protection and Assistance for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and Potential Victims, the "Parent-Child Couple" Centre, Center of Family Crisis, Sotis, the Assistance and Counseling Center for Family Perpetrators, "Gender – Center", Maternal Center "Pro-Femina", Maternal Center "Pro Familia din Căușeni", Cahul Maternal Center, "Stimul" NGO, Maternal Center of the Temporary Shelter and Child Rehabilitation Center, "Honour and Rights of the Contemporary Woman" NGO, Youth Center "Dacia".