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The Public Association for the Development of Culture and Protection of Copyright and Related Rights APOLLO was founded in 2010 for the purpose of monitoring the audiovisual industry in the Republic of Moldova.

Acting in this direction, the Public Association APOLLO acknowledges, with deep concern, about the biased information contained in the reports issued by few local public associations and the way in which is presented information about the press that is controlled but oligarchs and the independent press.

In the last 6 months, Asociația Presei Independente (API)¹ issued 2 reports², funded by the Sponsors mentioned above, containing distorted information that pursuing manipulative obscure interests³.

In the context of the Moldavian parliamentary elections that will take place in November, the reports are seen by the local mass media as an intelligent campaign of the Vladimir Plahotniuc against its enemies (independent mass media), using the reputation of the Sponsors. The reports are used by oligarchic parties to discredit the mass media that criticizes them and use the reports for electoral purposes.

According to information published in the press, Vladimir Plahotniuc monopolizes the broadcasting environment⁴ and created a criminal system with influence on the

¹ Independent Press Association

² The reports cover are attached

³ The opinion of the journalist Vasile Nastase is attached

political and judicial system in Moldova⁵. The way how the API reports presents the information about Plahotniucs' mass media trusts and the mass media that criticize him, shows unprofessionalism and enslavement.

All these circumstances described above, irredeemably affects the image of the Sponsors that, in our option, should carefully consider how the sponsors grants are used, namely during elections times. In the absence of other reports, the API reports are manipulative, biased and highly subjective, reaching its sordid interests.

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With high considerations,

Vasile Năstase, President

⁴ BBC Monitoring International Reports | July 05, 2012

⁵ Moldova by William Crowther