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TAKING SMALL STEPS TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Chisinau, 2009 – The International Organization for Migration Mission in Moldova (IOM Moldova) in partnership with the Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family, the Republican Society for Social Protection of Minors and Youth *Insula Sperantelor*, the Rehabilitation Centre for Teenagers of Chisinau (CRAC) and the Association for Women and Youth *Art Elegant* are inviting all interested people to attend a ***Festival of talented children and organizations active in the child social protection domain» Taking Small Steps Towards the Future***. The Festival will take place at the premises of “Ginta Latina” theatre, 18 Sfatul Tarii str., and beginning at 11:00 on Saturday, October 17.

For more than three hours, the theatre “Ginta Latina” will be enchanted by songs, dances, fashion shows and theatre plays performed by children from all over the Republic of Moldova. The Main Hall of the Theatre will host a workshop featuring confectioners, makeup specialists and hairdressers, from the Republican Society for Social Protection of Youth – “Island of Hope.” All the children participating in this event receive services from governmental and non-governmental child social protection centers, as well as NGOs specialized in preventing human trafficking. The audience will include representatives from Government Offices, Embassies, International Organizations, Local and International NGOs and the general public.

Socially vulnerable children, social orphans, children left behind as a consequence of migration and children from residential institutions all represent a group at risk of becoming victims of trafficking. The main goal of the Festival “Taking Small Steps Towards the Future,” is to attract attention to the destiny of these children, giving them a platform to present their artistic talents, encouraging their further development and social integration, as well as giving them the opportunity to make new friends in a festive atmosphere. Moreover, the Festival is a part of the efforts of State authorities, International Organizations and Civil Society, as well as the Private Sector, to respond to the trafficking phenomenon through the protection of children’s rights.

This event marks the EU Anti-Trafficking Day (18 October) and the end of the month against human trafficking in Moldova. The first EU Anti-Trafficking Day was launched by the European Commission in 2007 and in 2008 it was celebrated in several European countries. It represents an important step in the activities to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings.

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The participants receive services from the following centers: Rehabilitation Centre for Teenagers of Chisinau (CRAC), Republican Society for Social Protection of Minors and Youth “Insula Sperantilor”,



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