

## **Ombudsman Community mourns passing of Ombudsman Mihail Cotorobai**

It is with great sadness that the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) has learned of the passing of Mihail Cotorobai, People's Advocate (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Moldova.

Mr Cotorobai was an outstanding Ombudsman, passionately dedicated to his work and fully committed to the principles of a fair and transparent administration, good governance and the rule of law. His able leadership contributed significantly to strengthening the Office of the People's Advocate (Ombudsman) in the Republic of Moldova.

Ombudsman Cotorobai has always been a strong supporter of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI). Within the IOI community, we got to know our esteemed colleague as a very passionate speaker on behalf of the Ombudsman concept and a very dedicated colleague, who highly valued the active exchange of expertise with colleagues from around the world. His open and friendly nature, his professional presence and his wide knowledge will be greatly missed.

His passing is a great loss for the international Ombudsman community! Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his friends and his colleagues, in these difficult times.



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