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To complete Title II of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova  
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The Parliament adopts this Constitutional Law.

Unique article - Title II of the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, adopted on 29 July 1994 (republished in the Official Monitor of the Republic of Moldova, 2016, No. 78, Article 140), with ulterior amendments and supplements, shall be supplemented by Chapter III<sup>1</sup> with the following content:

Chapter III<sup>1</sup>

**THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE**

Article 59<sup>1</sup>

Statute and role of the People's Advocate

(1) The People's Advocate shall ensure the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

(2) A person qualified for appointment as People's Advocate shall enjoy a perfect reputation, shall have high professional competence and notorious activity in the field of defense and promotion of human rights.

(3) The People's Advocate shall be appointed by Parliament, with the vote of the majority of the elected deputies, on the basis of a transparent selection procedure, prescribed by law, for a non-renewable term of seven years. During the term, the People's Advocate is independent and impartial. It cannot be subject to any imperative or representative mandate.

(4) The People's Advocate shall not be legally answerable for the opinions expressed in relation to the exercise of the mandate.

(5) The People's Advocate cannot perform any other remunerated function, except for didactic, scientific or creative activities. The People's Advocate has no right to engage in political activity and cannot be a member of any political party.

(6) Interference in the activity of the People's Advocate, deliberate ignorance of the referrals and recommendations of the People's Advocate, as well as the obstruction in any way of his activity, bring legal liability in accordance with the law.

(7) The People's Advocate may be dismissed by a 2/3 vote of the elected deputies, in accordance with the procedure established by the law, which provides for a prior hearing to be conducted before the vote.

(8) The organization and functioning of the Institution of the People's Advocate shall be determined by organic law. "