

## **Declaration on the ethical and legal basis of the editorial policy of the „Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations”**

The Editorial Board of the scientific-theoretical and information-practical periodical publication „*Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations*“ commits to the internationally accepted principles of publication ethics expressed in the recommendations of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) ( <http://publicationethics.org/about/guide> ), Elsevier Publishing Ethics Resource Kit ( <https://www.elsevier.com/editors/publishing-ethics> ) and the Code of ethics and professional deontology of the researchers and academic staff in the Republic of Moldova, approved by the National Certification Board and Acreditatare at 23.05. 2012. ( [http://edu.asm.md/tc\\_userfiles/cod-etica.pdf](http://edu.asm.md/tc_userfiles/cod-etica.pdf) ).

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