

THE RETURN OF BESSARABIA WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTRY – INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONDITIONS

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In 1812, 200 years since the annexation of Bessarabia by Tsarist Russia, I published a study¹ based on archive documents demonstrating that the act was intentional and possible due to the agreement of other great powers. Now, a century after the territory between Prut and Nistru returned in the natural boundaries of the Country, I considered appropriate, based on other documentary testimonies, to mark the event that opened both the way to fulfilling the national ideal and the completion of the process of Romania's unification that started in 1859.

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