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HEADLINE:	Andrei was born and grew up in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia. Last year, during one of the evenings when he was reflecting upon his future, his hidden emotions and internal conflicts he realized that by hiding his sexual orientation, he is destroying himself. Therefore, right in that night he came out as gay on social media. Soon after, he began receiving threats and when the police told him that they cannot help him, he decided to move to Chisinau and address to Gender-Doc, an LGBT NGO. Now he works as a waiter, participates in LGBT events and openly discusses his sexual orientation.		
DATELINE:	Chisinau, Moldova – 19/10/2018		
SCRIPT:	“– Welcome to our restaurant!” 0:04 - 0:47 I work as a waiter in a restaurant. I really like the team. Most of the times, I receive tips when I smile to the clients. “– Hi! Are you ready to order?” Of course, it happens that something doesn't go as good as it supposed to, therefore I receive smaller tips. For a long time I was dreaming about the moment when everyone will know about me... Then I realized that my life is happening right now, so I took my phone and posted a status: I am this and that etc. That very night I began receiving threatening messages and I got really scared, I didn't know what to do... Therefore, I decided to address to an organization (Gender-Doc), which defends the rights of gay people, people like me. We made a video and straight after I became a sort of public		

	<p>person.</p> <p>0:49 - 1:29</p> <p>For a national minority is very important to have a person who represents and promotes everything that is good in this nation. For example, we are proud of this Gagauz, because he is a member of the Parliament... and here you have a Gagauz who is gay... As a kid, when I realized that I am homosexual, of course, the church was the first place where I thought I could find some answers. But soon I realized that in the Bible is written very explicit that people like me would go to Hell. I couldn't understand it, therefore I started to pray even more, but then I realized that I shouldn't ask for forgiveness just for who I am. At that point, I sort of distanced myself from the church.</p> <p>1:30 - 1:34</p> <p>"Walking around the Amsterdam after trying cannabis."</p> <p>1:34 - 1:49</p> <p>This year I visited the Netherlands, mainly Amsterdam. Here, I have to always keep in mind that I am not like everyone else, there I experienced the real freedom... you don't have to constantly control your behavior, and you are free just like everyone else.</p> <p>"Mission accomplished!"</p> <p>1:49 - 1:58</p> <p>Here is my homeland and at this point, I am not ready to leave everything behind just because someone doesn't like something in me. I will stay here, at least for now.</p>
<p>SHOTLIST:</p>	<p>Interview with Andrei at the Gender-Doc office</p> <p>Sequences from Andrei's working place: A movement shot taken from the entrance of the restaurant towards inside of it, close up with Andrei, moving towards right of the shot, which follows him to a table where he starts a conversation with one of his colleagues, a medium shot with him, searching inside of a drawer, a movement shot following him towards a table in a restaurant where he starts a conversation with the clients. Different shots showing him during the working time inside the restaurant.</p> <p>Sequences with Andrei walking in the park: Andrei is entering the frame from the left side, walking. Shot with Andrei walking toward something, with him looking somewhere up. A close up with Andrei opening a heavy door, a medium shot with Andrei standing in the entrance of the church, with the shot panning towards the altar of the cathedral, shots with Andrei looking at the icons. A shot with the candles burning in the foreground, and Andrei, in the background, a shot with him exiting the church.</p> <p>Videos with Andrei in Amsterdam from his personal archive: A video-selfie from his Instagram account, another video with a lot of red in front of the mirrors.</p> <p>Shot with Andrei at the Gender-Doc office, making tea. In the background flyers about LGBTQ activism.</p>

SCRIPT: (Original language)	<p>„Bună ziua! Bine ați venit!”</p> <p>0:04 - 0:47</p> <p>Я работаю в ресторане официантом. Мне очень нравится коллектив. Я больше всех чаевых получаю, когда улыбаюсь гостям.</p> <p>„Bună ziua, sunteți gata să faceți comanda?”</p> <p>Конечно же бывает, что иногда не все получается гладко и идеально, и тогда конечно чаевых по меньше.</p> <p>Я очень долго мечтал, когда будет то время, когда обо мне все будут знать.</p> <p>Твоя жизнь происходит сейчас поэтому я беру телефон и просто пишу: вот я такой-то, такой-то... В тот же день начали приходить сообщения с угрожающим характером. Мне стало страшно я не знал, что делать, и я решил обратиться в организацию, которая защищает права геев – Гендер Док. Я снял видео и можно сказать, я стал медийной личностью, так скажем.</p> <p>0:49 - 1:29</p> <p>Для любого национального меньшинства важно чтобы был человек, который показывает с хорошей стороны всю национальность. Вот мы гордимся вот этим гагаузом, он у нас в Парламенте. А тут у нас гагауз – гей. В детстве конечно же когда я осознавал свою гомосексуальность я первым делом конечно же искал ответов у церкви. А потом я понял, что в Библии четко и ясно сказано, что такие люди как я, они уходят в ад. Я не понимал почему так происходит и молился еще больше. А потом понял, что: за что мне молится? Я не думаю, что за это мне нужно просить прощения. И тогда я больше отделился от церкви.</p> <p>1:30 - 1:34</p> <p>«Гулять по рынку Амстердама под кайфом.»</p> <p>1:34 - 1:49</p> <p>В этом году я посетил Нидерланды, город Амстердам. Здесь ты всегда знаешь, что ты не такой как все. А там у тебя свобода, ты не обязан что-то контролировать. Ты свободный человек, такой же как все.</p> <p>«Миссия выполнена.»</p> <p>1:49 - 1:58</p> <p>Здесь моя родина и пока я не готов, как бы, все это оставить и уехать, потому что кому-то что-то не нравится во мне. Я пока что останусь здесь.</p>
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