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**STATEMENT**

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of the United Nations General Assembly  
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*Thank you, Mr. Chair,*

While the Republic of Moldova aligns itself with the EU statement, I would like to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

*Distinguished delegates,*

The Republic of Moldova stands firmly in its belief that national and international affairs must be guided by the principle of rule of law. We thank the Secretary-General for his latest report on “Strengthening and coordinating the United Nations rule of law activities” and salute this year’s subtopic debate, - “The full, equal and equitable participation at all levels in the international legal system”, a subject of utmost importance and relevance.

Unfortunately, this session also takes place amid a challenging global context, marked by multiple crises and wars, which exacerbate inequalities, poverty, and security risks. In this regard, the Republic of Moldova wishes to reaffirm the fundamental importance of the rule of law in maintaining international peace and security. A lasting peace depends on the full respect and good-faith implementation of the rules-based international system, the UN Charter, and its principles by all states, regardless of size, in both their internal and external affairs.

The rule of law is the basis for multilateral cooperation, promoting political dialogue, cooperation and peaceful conduct of external relations among nations, rather than use of force or the threat of force. It contributes to the development of just and equitable societies with strong institutions that protect populations from all forms of abuse, both in peace time and during conflicts. Moreover, it ensures that countries conduct their affairs in accordance with the international law, including international humanitarian law.

In this vein, we salute the new vision for the rule of law, promulgated by the UN Secretary General on 11 May 2023, which aims to reinforce the centrality of the rule of law in all United Nations activities and enable the UN to better assist Member States in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 16 referring to promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The vision especially recognizes the importance of a people-centered, gender-sensitive and forward-looking approach, grounded in the Charter of the United Nations and on the landmark of the 2012 Declaration of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the National and International levels, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

### *Distinguished delegates,*

Promotion of the rule of law remains a priority for the Republic of Moldova. The rule of law matters from the personal level to the state and international affairs, and it is a precondition for ensuring equal treatment for all people without discrimination before the law and for the defense of human rights in all circumstances a person may be in, with or without their will. Therefore, respect for human rights, equal opportunities for legal defense and humanistic approach, should be at the core of our commitment.

There is no functional and genuine democracy without respect for “rule of law”. Good governance, democracy and “rule of law” come together and on such foundation, all people, women and men, have the right to meaningful participation in all processes and are protected from any form of abuse.

For the rule of law there are not “bad times”, when we can deny its meaning, or apply it selectively. Such a selective approach undermines the

commitments we made upon joining this esteemed organization. As the Secretary-General mentioned on 12 January 2023 in the Security Council during the open debate on the theme “Promotion and strengthening of the rule of law in the maintenance of international peace and security: the rule of law among nations”, “from the smallest village to the global stage, the rule of law is all that stands between peace and stability and a brutal struggle for power and resources” and warned of the grave risk of the “rule of lawlessness” taking hold in every region of the world.

A strong commitment to the “rule of law” is crucial for tackling current global challenges and creating peaceful societies where everyone has equal opportunities and full respect for their rights and freedoms. Achieving this requires sustained effort and political will and determination.

*Distinguished delegates,*

Our commitment to reforming and straightening the rule of law is unwavering. The national authorities have made significant progress in cleaning up the justice system and law enforcement. The international community has acknowledged these efforts, with Moldova’s corruption perception and rule of law rankings improving notably and will continue to undertake actions to advance this progress.

The Republic of Moldova stands ready to contribute to strengthening the rule of law as the foundation to a peaceful, prosperous and just world.

Thank you!