



Intervention

**by H.E. Mr. Vlad Lupan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations, at the Forum on financing for development follow-up
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Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me the floor.

Excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

The Republic of Moldova's commitment to achieve the sustainable development is unwavering as the people's dignity and well being lies at the core of the Moldovan Government's Agenda. On 4th May 2017, the Moldovan Parliament ratified the Paris Agreement committing to reduce by 2030 the total national greenhouse gas emissions by at least 67% compared to the level of 1990th which is an important step forward in achieving the sustainable development in all its three dimensions.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda is a critical instrument which guides our actions in mobilizing the necessary resources to achieve the SDGs. With this in mind, the Moldovan Government makes efforts to mobilize all the sources of finance - public and private, domestic and international - geared to the sustainable development goals achievement. Among the short to medium term priorities of the Government are the business environment improvement, attracting more foreign direct investments (FDI), getting access to new markets and advancing the dialogue and cooperation with the development partners.

In the second year of Addis Agenda implementation, the Moldovan Government has made progress through improving the business climate by optimizing the regulatory framework and applying information technologies in public services for business and for the public, expanding business support infrastructure in terms of establishing business incubator, industrial parks, and consultancy centres, a One-stop shop for all public services was created serving as a unique platform through which both the citizen and private sector can easily access information on more than 566 public services out of which 125 are electronic services ready to be consumed.

To attract the domestic and foreign investments the Moldovan Government has established free economic zones located in all regions of the country offering customs and tax benefits to investors. These zones have a positive impact on the diversification of Moldovan exports, changing the structure of the national economy, creation of new jobs, and, subsequently, to the sustainable economic development of the country.

Supporting the small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) is another priority of the Moldovan Government since they represent the 97.4% of all enterprises accounting around 60% of employment and 34% of revenues of the economy as a whole. To further support the development of SMEs, the Moldovan Government aims at, inter alia, facilitating access to loans by providing financial guaranties, reducing taxes, providing training or consulting to SMEs and further developing access to e-services.

Inclusive growth through equal opportunities in access to market and resources and protection of vulnerable is critical to ensure the sustainable development of all. To that end, the Moldovan Government makes efforts to empower youth and women by developing programmes supporting young people businesses and start-ups, as well as women-led enterprises. In the same vein, it is worth mentioning the law adopted by the Moldovan Parliament last year providing for 40%

participation share of both sexes in the political and public decision making process aimed at empowering women and fostering their participation in the economic, political and social life of the country.

In the light of the above mentioned, the Moldovan Government is making important effort to mobilize domestic public and private resources, as well as foreign direct investments. At the same time, given the complexity of the 2030 Agenda, further support of the international financial institutions, bilateral development partners, including of the UN development system will be critical to enhance capacities, foster use of innovation and ensure proper investments in infrastructure which are prerequisites for sustainable development.

Thank you.