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**Mister Chairman,
Mister Secretary General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, I would like to thank the Secretary General for convening the MDG Summit, which represents for us the platform for sharing the knowledge and best practices of MDGs implementation in the last ten years and sets the priority actions to accelerate the achievement of MDGs in the upcoming 5 years. We entirely support the provisions of the outcome document of this High-level Meeting and are looking forward to its implementation.

Mr. Chairman,

The Republic of Moldova has integrated the Millennium Development Goals in the National Development Strategy and sectorial plans, with clear measurable targets, and set performance evaluation indicators for its national policies. Two weeks ago we launched, in the presence of Madam Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator and Chair of the United Nations Development Group, the Second National MDG Report which presents an accurate analysis of the achievements and sets the targets and objectives to be reached by 2015.

In the past several years Republic of Moldova, has registered a mixed but overall positive progress in reaching the Millennium Development Goals. The majority of indicators showed advancements even if in certain areas the intensity is still not sufficient to attain all the set targets.

Despite the fact that Moldova is still recovering from the global economic crisis, and has been severely hit by floods in July 2010, the Government of Moldova is committed to sustain the achieved targets and gradually accelerate its actions to reach all national targets by 2015. The leadership of Moldova has the vision, ownership and determination to make this possible.

Moldova reached notable achievements in reducing poverty amid severe economic crisis. The Government succeeded to halt the increase of extreme and absolute poverty and even reverse the trend, through the efficient introduction and expansion of the needs-based social aid programme, increase of the accessibility to mandatory health insurance for most vulnerable.

Our country has succeeded in reducing infant and maternal mortality, and is advancing in terms of penetration level of information technologies. We achieved positive results in gender mainstreaming, combating trafficking in persons and domestic violence as well as women representation in decision making.

The Republic of Moldova still faces challenges that impede the full implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and targets, but we shall build on the successful policies and positive achievements to accelerate progress in other sectors and areas.

Mr. Chairman,

Moldova undergoes a transformation process that requires a comprehensive approach of setting development priorities and selecting the most effective and equitable solutions. Change is the product of comprehensive programs with multiple effects and targeted interventions in specific fields.

Our Government is currently working on a National Acceleration Plan for MDGs that is to transform the recommendations of the Second National Report into concrete actions. We are determined to promote sectorial policies to target fields with less successful indicators in terms of MDG attainability. Our key priorities are: improve health education in schools, ensure wider coverage of the social protection network, expand environmental sustainability programmes, optimize the school and hospital infrastructure and ensure better social inclusion of vulnerable groups, expand multi-sectoral partnerships and intensify concrete actions to fight HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, improve water and sanitation infrastructure.

The Government will devote more efforts in making vital services more accessible mainstreaming respect for human rights into Governmental actions and building a long term sustainable strategic vision for growth.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of Moldova would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to the UN Office and UN Agencies in Moldova as well as to all our development partners for the support we received in implementing, monitoring and evaluating the progress on MDGs.

I would like to emphasize our appreciation for the close partnership Moldova has enjoyed in the past two decades with the World Bank and the International Development Association. We call on donor countries to generously support IDA in its current round of replenishment so that IDA can continue to be a strong partner for developing countries like Moldova in their efforts to achieve the MDGs.

The Government of Moldova reaffirms its determination to work together for the promotion of economic and social advancement of all people.

Thank you.