

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

STATEMENT

by H.E. Mr. Victor Moraru Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova

at the adoption of the draft resolution A/73/L.28 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States"

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Mme President.

I take the floor to express my delegation's position on draft resolution A/73/L.28, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States" (CIS).

The Republic of Moldova supports the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in advancing the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Republic of Moldova takes note of the activities outlined in the report (A/73/328-S/2018/592) of the Secretary-General regarding cooperation between the United Nations and the CIS which provides information about the various exchanges and contacts with the CIS secretariat in matters relating to drug control, crime prevention and international terrorism in the context of sustainable development and human security.

While joining the consensus on the draft resolution A/73/L.28, my delegation wishes to reiterate that, due to reservations about the regulations on the chairmanship of the Commonwealth of Independent States, adopted on 10 of October 2008, the Republic of Moldova does not recognize the international legal personality of the CIS.

The General Assembly has been already informed about the fact that the basic documents of the CIS - namely, the Agreement on the Establishment of the CIS, the Alma Ata Declaration and the CIS Charter - do not qualify the status of the Commonwealth as one with the features of a subject of international law.

Therefore, the adoption of this draft resolution shall not be interpreted as a deviation from those earlier Moldovan reservations.

Mme President,

My delegation would appreciate having this clarification reflected in the records of today's meeting.

I thank you, Mme President.