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**Introductory statement for resolution A/73/L.26 Rev.1 entitled
“Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and
Economic Development – GUAM”**

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**on item 128 - Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other
organizations: (v) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization
for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM**

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Mme President,

As the country currently holding the chairmanship of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM, the Republic of Moldova has the honour to introduce, on behalf of the co-sponsors, the draft resolution A/73/L.26 Rev.1, entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM”.

As a full-fledged international regional organization, with a distinct vocation of promoting democracy and economic development of its member States, the GUAM attaches great importance to the cooperation with the United Nations.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the GUAM started in 2004, when the GUAM obtained observer status in the General Assembly pursuant to the adoption of resolution 58/85.

The United Nations has been an important partner to the GUAM Member States in their pursuit of stability and sustainable development.

The previous resolutions on this subject-matter, particularly the biennial resolutions 67/109 and 69/271, each entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development — GUAM”, defined the framework for cooperation between the two organizations.

The Secretary-General's report (A/73/328-S/2018/592), submitted under the current agenda item, highlights some focus area where the cooperation between the United Nations and the GUAM was envisaged in the intervening period, in terms of enhanced interaction.

The draft resolution that is being introduced today under agenda item 128 (v) underscores the importance of continued cooperation between the United Nations and the GUAM and acknowledges the GUAM's efforts aimed at enhancing cooperative relationships with the United Nations and its Member States.

It also takes note of the activity of GUAM targeted on promoting regional cooperation in various areas.

The overall goal of the draft resolution A/73/L.26 Rev.1 is to further develop the cooperation between the United Nations and the GUAM and, through a dynamic and substantive partnership, to better contribute to the promotion of the vision and principles set out in the Charter of the United Nations.

The draft resolution emphasizes the importance of strengthening dialogue, cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and the GUAM, and urges the agencies, programmes, funds and other specialized institutions of the United Nations to cooperate and develop direct contacts with the GUAM for the joint implementation of projects aimed at the attainment of common objectives.

Lastly, the draft resolution asks the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its seventy-fifth session, a report on the implementation of the present draft resolution.

Distinguished delegates,

The text of the draft resolution proposed for adoption is based on the previous consensus resolutions of the General Assembly on the topic.

It has been discussed in the course of informal consultations in an open and transparent manner. The co-sponsors of the draft resolution took into account the comments and suggestions of all interested delegations.

In conclusion, I would like to express the sincere hope that this year's draft resolution will be adopted without a vote, as has been the case in past years.

I would also like to express the cosponsors' conviction that, once adopted, the resolution will further strengthen cooperation between the United Nations and the GUAM, thus contributing to the promotion of the shared objectives in the area of international peace and development, including the Sustainable Development Goals, as set out in the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you, Mme. President.