

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA – Summit for Democracy – Written Statement

The Republic of Moldova is committed to lead efforts in reforming the justice sector and fight against corruption in 2022. This upcoming year, these engagements remain a priority and work will continue in the following areas within the framework of promoting justice and anticorruption reforms:

1. Justice sector reform

Reforming the justice sector is a top priority on the reform agenda of the current government. In order to win the fight against corruption, Moldova must ensure that its judicial system and its judges are competent, independent, impartial, and abide by the law.

This year, Moldova continues to take the necessary steps to reform the justice system and to vet its judges and prosecutors. Vetting will help to clean the system from corrupt people and promote those judges and prosecutors that prove and practice high integrity standards.

2. Strengthening anti-corruption bodies and cleaning up institutions

Corruption erodes trust in government and has a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable. Corruption fuels inequalities and reduces access to services, like education, health or justice. Corruption discourages investments that affect growth and jobs.

That is why, the Moldovan government will continue this year to fight corrupt practices and schemes in public institutions. It will also work towards strengthening existent anti-corruption bodies. This shall be done by appointing transparent and honest public figures in leadership positions and by discouraging corruption practices. This will require also the strengthening of accountability and enforcement mechanisms.

3. Strengthening democratic processes by fighting illegal financing of political parties

Political parties are key political institutions for any democracy. They are essential for the expression and manifestation of political pluralism. Illegal financing of political parties weakens democratic processes. It discourages citizens from taking part in public life and debates, and it creates an unequal level playing field among political actors.

Moldova will continue to make efforts this year to strengthen its democratic processes by enforcing strong mechanisms of oversight and sanctions for infringements that might be identified and for the illegal financing of political parties.

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