

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the**  
**Republic of Turkey on economic co-operation**

The Government of the Republic of Moldova, represented by the Ministry of Economy and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, represented by the Presidency for Turkish International Cooperation Agency, hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

agreed on 19-th October 2004, in Chisinau upon the following arrangements for the implementation of cooperation programme, aiming to promote economic and social relations between their two countries

The cooperation programme will be coordinated by the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova and the Presidency for Turkish International Cooperation Agency under the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey, hereinafter referred to as "TICA"

The Government of Turkey through TICA will provide technical assistance through concrete projects, including training and preparation of feasibility studies to the Republic of Moldova by cooperating with related public and private organizations with the coordination of the Ministry of Economy. Each side will assign experts to identify and prepare projects in the fields listed below. The fields covered will include, but will not be limited with the following.

- 1- Infrastructure, transportation and telecommunications systems
- 2- Privatization programme including post privatization assistance
- 3- Irrigation system
- 4- Agriculture and animal husbandry
- 5- Rehabilitation of industrial facilities
- 6- Small and medium business development including agro-business and agro-industries
- 7- Strengthening of the management capabilities of local public administrations
- 8- Tourism
- 9- Health
- 10-Environment
- 11-Scientific and cultural cooperation
- 12-Development of energy complex

## ARTICLE I

The Government of Turkey through TICA will

- a) Furnish a programme coordination office (PCO).
- b) Select, hire and pay for necessary office personnel, including local staff, the PCO.
- c) Make available, through purchase or hire, transportation vehicles for the PCO.
- d) Bear the salaries and international travel expenses of the Turkish experts.
- e) Subsidize the costs of feasibility studies.
- f) Provide senior advisers and training programs for the purpose of aid coordination at no cost.
- g) Facilitate information flow and international interaction opportunities through projects to related Moldovan public and private organizations.

## ARTICLE II

The Government of Moldova will

- a) Submit the necessary information for the groups of experts during project identification, design and implementation.
- b) Bear the expenses of Moldovan civil servants, who provide services for TICA projects.
- c) Provide, free of charge, a suitable office space for the PCO.
- d) Supply utilities (electricity, water, heating, gas) free of charge to the PCO.
- e) Facilitate the registration procedures of the PCO.
- f) Provide health coverage to PCO staff, in case of urgency, through the Medical Services of the Government at no cost.
- g) Make the best effort to provide diplomatic status for the Head of the PCO during its presence in the Republic of Moldova.
- h) Cover the expense, if agreed by both parties, as contribution to the co-financing of the TICA projects.
- i) Goods imported into the territory of the Republic of Moldova, as well as those purchased in Moldova for their use in technical assistance projects, under the present cooperation programme will be exempted from any taxes, duties and levies collected in Moldova. In addition, the experts working upon the implementation of the projects under

this memorandum and their dependents shall be granted free of charge visas and shall be exempted from any registration fees, which might be applied in the Republic of Moldova.

The projects to be development within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will each be handled under a separate agreement involving coordinating and executing agencies on both sides.

The progress achieved according to this Memorandum of Understanding will be assessed at an evaluation meeting annually, by the participation of the Turkish and Moldovan coordinators and other representatives involved in projects and agreed upon by the coordinators from the respective countries, alternately in Turkey and Moldova. Annual implementation programmes will be discussed and revised at this meeting.

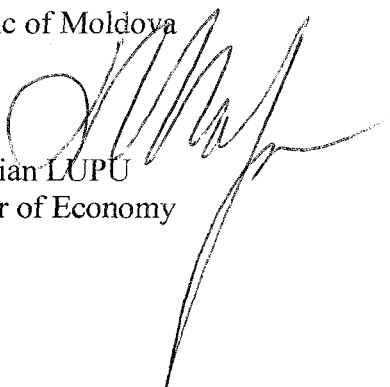
The present Memorandum of Understanding shall be provisionally applied from the date of its signing and shall enter into force on the date of the written notification, through the diplomatic channels, that all internal procedures for its entry into force have been formally fulfilled, and it shall expire on 19 october, 2009.

The period of validity of the present Memorandum of Understanding will be extended automatically for another five years, unless the Parties notify each other about a change or denouncement through diplomatic channels no later than three (3) months before its date of expiration.

Each Party can denounce this Memorandum of Understanding at any moment, notifying the other Party in written through diplomatic channels. In such a case, the Memorandum will terminate after six (6) months, unless the notifying Party, by mutual agreement, withdraws its notification within this period.

Done in the city of Chisinau, on 19 october, 2004, in two originals in Turkish, Moldovan and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text will serve as reference.

On behalf of the Government of the  
Republic of Moldova

  
Marian LUPU  
Minister of Economy

On behalf of the Government of the  
Republic of Turkey

  
Beşir ATALAY  
State Minister