

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**ON STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES AND GOVERNANCE IN THE
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”);

Desiring to contribute to the effective implementation of the EU Moldova Association Agreement including the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (hereinafter referred to as AA/DCFTA) as well as to the development and strengthening of bilateral relations and cooperation between the Participants;

Underlining the importance of the implementation of the reform process in the Republic of Moldova;

Stressing the importance of continued work to progress further with public administration reform in the Republic of Moldova in order to create an accountable, effective, transparent and professional administration at central level;

Acting within their competence and in compliance with international obligations and the prevailing laws and regulations of their respective countries,

Have agreed upon the following understanding:

Article 1

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “Memorandum”) is to establish the basis for a cooperative institutional relationship aimed at the promotion of bilateral development cooperation.

Article 2

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania implementing the Development Cooperation and Democracy Promotion Programme underline its intention to support the projects implemented in Moldova, aimed at strengthening Moldova's administrative and institutional capacity, transferring reform experience to the public sector and implementing of reforms related to the AA/DCFTA. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania intends to allocate funding for the expert services in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 3

The Participants may decide to establish working groups or organize experts' meetings to discuss in details the implementation progress of Memorandum. The Participants will define the initial scope of cooperation.

Article 4

This Memorandum is not an international treaty within the meaning of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, adopted on 23 May 1969, and will not affect the rights and obligations of the Participants undertaken in accordance with the legislation and international obligations applicable on the territories of their States.

Article 5

The provisions of this Memorandum will be without prejudice to existing or future treaties or international agreements to which the two countries are parties.

Article 6

Any dispute on the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled through direct consultations or negotiations.

Article 7

The Participants may amend this Memorandum upon written mutual agreement.


Article 8

The present Memorandum will enter into force on the date of its signature and will be valid for an indefinite period.

Any Participant may terminate this Memorandum by written notification addressed to the other Participant, through diplomatic channels. It will remain in force until the expiration of a period of three (3) months after the date of the receipt of the corresponding written communication.

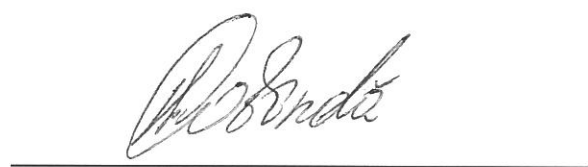
Done at Chişinău on December 10, 2021 in two original copies in the English language.

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