



Government of the Republic of Moldova

Action Programme

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PREAMBLE

Taking into account the status of the minority government, which was established to remedy the unstable situation in most areas of social and economic life in the Republic of Moldova, the time frame of the Programme is limited to the period until the presidential elections in autumn 2020.

The Programme reflects the Government's vision of immediate actions to be taken in the coming weeks in order to restore the functionality of the central public administration, which has been significantly affected in recent months. Currently, we register the lowest level of citizens' confidence in the state institutions and, indirectly, in our state. A number of immediate objectives to be achieved at the end of the year are aimed, in particular, to correct the mistakes made in the justice reform process, to stimulate this process and, consequently, to bring to justice and punish those who have devaluated the country's banking system, placing a huge financial burden on the shoulders of citizens, those who have been lacking the state for half a century from the only international airport in the country, that prejudices the state and the people, those who act prematurely against the Republic of Moldova. We will act quickly and decisively in the fight against crime and the improvement of citizens' security, otherwise the developments in this field will be very serious and very similar to the catastrophe of the 90s of last century. It is necessary to take urgent measures to develop, to consult with the business environment and to promote the fiscal stimulus package for the next year, as well as the annual budget laws. The absence of these documents in mid-November has already largely jeopardized the investment plans of the majority of the country's economic entities. There is an urgent need to amend the Budget Law for 2019 in order to ensure the payment of salaries to certain budget categories, especially in local public administration. The country is completely unprepared for the winter period, and the situation with natural gas supply after January, 1st is uncertain. Under these conditions, the Government will take all measures to improve the country's energy security, as well as to prepare reserve scenarios. Urgent measures will be taken to unblock the export of agricultural products to the east, and the inaction of the previous government has clear signs of sabotage in this respect.

Within its mandate, the Government will focus on several priority areas reflected in the Programme. On the basis of these priorities and an assessment of the current situation in the country, the Government will approve, within 30 days of its creation, a detailed Action Plan with clear timelines for implementation, quantitative performance indicators, as well as institutions and officials responsible for implementing the actions included in the Plan.

The Moldovan government will have the highest goal of improving the quality of people's lives. To this end, we will consolidate our relations with the European Union, respect all the international commitments undertaken in the past, including the Association Agreement with the European Union and the documents signed within the Community of Independent States. We will contribute to a balanced foreign policy, strengthening the status of neutrality of the Republic of Moldova. We seek to strengthen the strategic partnership that our country is building with the United States of America and the Russian Federation. At the same time, we will continue and intensify our efforts to deepen our friendly relations with our neighbouring countries, Romania and Ukraine.

IMMEDIATE TARGETS

In the period immediately following the investment, the Government will take some quick and decisive steps to ensure the effective management of affairs in the state, which will cover several important areas, including:

I. JUSTICE

- *To adjust the Concept for the Reform of the Supreme Court and the Extraordinary Evaluation of Judges and Prosecutors in strict accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission and ODIHR;*
- *To appoint an independent and upright Prosecutor General in accordance with the current legislation;*
- *To identify and remove the vulnerabilities of justice to unjustified political, business and criminal pressure;*
- *To investigate and prosecute of those responsible for the devaluation of the country's banking system, for the implementation of schemes of misappropriation of public and private property;*
- *To identify urgent solutions to prevent blockages in the functioning of the judicial system.*

II. PUBLIC OPINION

- *To implement a set of urgent actions to halt the increase in serious and particularly serious crimes in the country;*
- *To rehabilitate and strengthen the institutional and professional capacity of police units by identifying and using highly qualified personnel;*
- *To develop and implement an effective road traffic casualty reduction action plan.*

III. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- *To restore the functionality of the central public administration by strengthening the management of ministries at the level of state secretaries;*
- *To re-employ technocratic specialists in state institutions, dismissed by the previous government according to political criteria;*
- *To employ based on the principles of professionalism and meritocracy of the heads of public institutions, including in the case of the Customs Service;*
- *To assess the effectiveness of the existing structure of central public administration and reorganization of ministries and departments to improve the quality of policies and services provided to citizens and businesses.*

IV. FOREIGN POLITICS

- *To ensure the professional continuity of the active political, economic, cultural and humanitarian dialogue of the Republic of Moldova, as a subject of relations and international law, with other states of the international community, first of all with strategic and traditional partners of Moldova;*
- *To promote a balanced foreign policy by continuing the process of efficient and full implementation of the provisions of the Association Agreement with the European Union and the Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), while initiating the process of restoration of pragmatic, strategic and mutually beneficial relations with the Russian Federation, in accordance with the national interests of the Republic of Moldova;*
- *To take necessary measures to get political support from the international community in order to facilitate the process of final political settlement of the Transnistrian conflict;*

- *To initiate appropriate actions to study the existing external experience, which can be useful in the process of international recognition of the neutrality status of the Republic of Moldova;*
- *To deepen communication with representatives of the Moldovan diaspora and identify additional ways to assist our citizens outside the Republic of Moldova;*
- *To strengthen the functional and administrative capacities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration in order to improve the quality and efficiency of the diplomatic service of the Republic of Moldova;*
- *To suspend the diplomatic service of the Republic of Moldova from the influence of political parties by amending the Law on Foreign Service in the sense of prohibiting the political affiliation of members of diplomatic services;*
- *To engage international experience in support of the justice reform process as a priority to ensure the completion of this comprehensive exercise for the benefit of the people of the Republic of Moldova.*

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY SECURITY

- *To advise and promote a draft law related to the initiative of the President of the Republic of Moldova regarding the creation of the position of Entrepreneur's Lawyer;*
- *To re-function the regulatory impact assessment mechanism to avoid administrative pressure on the business environment;*
- *To implement a set of measures aimed at reducing the administrative burden on the business environment;*
- *To assure the efficiency of the energy sector during the cold period of the year;*
- *To adopt the measures to ensure natural gas supplies to consumers in the Republic of Moldova after January 1, 2020.*

VI. PUBLIC FINANCE

- *To develop and consult with business representatives of the draft fiscal policy for 2020, which will stimulate economic growth and attract investment;*
- *To ensure the execution of the state public budget for 2019, including the use of sources of funding for the budget deficit;*
- *To develop, consult and approval of the Law on the State Budget for 2020;*

- *To elaborate and adopt a normative framework to ensure the redistribution of budgetary funds and payment of salaries in the public sector, including for employees of local public administration authorities.*

VII. SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HEALTHCARE

- *To advice and approve the Law on the budget of state social insurance for 2020;*
- *To advice and approve the Law on Mandatory Health Insurance Funds for 2020;*
- *To approve the necessary normative framework for concluding contracts with medical services providers within the framework of the system of mandatory health insurance for 2020;*
- *To change the normative framework in order to increase the amount of social assistance for the cold period of the year;*
- *To determine the budget funds for the allocation of a single financial support during the winter holidays for pensioners and state social benefits recipients;*
- *To adopt necessary measures to amend the regulatory framework in order to increase the salaries of employees of public health institutions included in the system of mandatory health insurance;*
- *To restore the social programmes cancelled by the previous government, including the "Doctor for you" programme, etc.*

VIII. EDUCATION, RESEARCH, CULTURE

- *To approve a draft law on the amendment of the Code of the Republic of Moldova on science and innovation;*
- *To approve the methodology of institutional financing of public-law organizations in the field of research and innovation, including public higher education institutions;*
- *To start the consultations with the Council of Rectors of Moldova on the elaboration of the National Program of Higher Education Support;*
- *To finance in priority the sports with potential for qualification at the Tokyo Olympics;*
- *To finish the works in the complex Chisinau Arena, Aqua-center & Tennis Club in Chisinau municipality.*
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IX. AGRARIAN SECTOR

- *To unblock the export of agri-food products to the Russian market and expanding the list of exporters of fresh products, alcoholic beverages and canned products;*
- *To amend the Law No. 276/2016 6 on Principles of Subsidizing Agricultural Producers in the development of agriculture and rural environment to encourage investment in the post-harvest and processing sector of agricultural production (without taking into account the condition of 50% availability of own raw materials);*
- *To review the regulation of subsidies in agriculture and its approval by the end of the year.*

The list of measures is not complete and will be finalized without delay after a comprehensive assessment of all areas.

PRIORITY ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS

I. THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF LAW. JUSTICE REFORM AND FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Main objectives

- ✓ *To support continuously the justice reform, taking into account the recommendations of the Venice Commission and ODIHR;*
- ✓ *To restructure the Superior Council of Magistracy and its subordinate bodies to select the new members with sufficient authority and legitimacy to participate in the justice reform process;*
- ✓ *To adjust the legal framework to streamline the work of ordinary and extraordinary judges, including from the perspective of their interests, in order to remove corrupt and vulnerable individuals from the judiciary system;*
- ✓ *To revise the role of the Supreme Court;*
- ✓ *To revise the powers of courts presidents;*
- ✓ *To effect the judicial information system by excluding human interference from the administrative file management process;*
- ✓ *To increase the effectiveness of disciplinary responsibility of judges and prosecutors;*
- ✓ *To modernize the appeal system;*

- ✓ *To revise the legal framework concerning the procedure and conditions of appointment and promotion of judges and prosecutors;*
- ✓ *To create a specialized anti-corruption court of first instance and establish the comprehensive anti-corruption courts in the Chisinau Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court;*
- ✓ *To establish a system of judicial practice and the observance of the principle of security of legal relations;*
- ✓ *To create the legal tools for monitoring the way of life of prosecutors and judges;*
- ✓ *To adjust the legal framework in order to streamline the ordinal and extraordinary evaluation of prosecutors, including their interests, in order to remove the corrupt and vulnerable individuals from the prosecution service;*
- ✓ *To adjust the criminal sanctions for corruption offences;*
- ✓ *To revise the legal framework concerning the composition of the Supreme Council of Public Prosecutors;*
- ✓ *To revise the legal framework within the competence of the self-governing bodies of the prosecution system with a view to building capacity and ensuring independence;*
- ✓ *To uniform the collection and analysis of statistics related to criminal justice and ensuring the interoperability of databases;*
- ✓ *To improve the organization and administration of the state-guaranteed legal aid system;*
- ✓ *To introduce the quality standards of services provided by representatives of professions related to the justice system;*
- ✓ *To establish clear and transparent setting of tariffs for the services provided;*
- ✓ *To set clear and transparent criteria for merit-based employment;*
- ✓ *To introduce the ethical standards in the implementation of professions related to the justice system;*
- ✓ *To establish clear provisions to limit the number of proceedings in which a lawyer can participate within a week, as well as establish predictable rules for the reimbursement of attorneys' fees received by a lawyer from a loser of a trial in the account of the person who wins the case;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the civil and disciplinary liability mechanisms;*
- ✓ *To assess and revise the legal framework in order to eliminate loopholes that contribute to the external influence of prosecutors and judges;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the penalties for conduct contrary to the ethical standards of judges, prosecutors, criminal prosecutors, lawyers and executors in relation to other persons, with a view to combating corruption;*

- ✓ *To consolidate the units responsible for internal security;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the integrity reporting system (within and outside the sector);*
- ✓ *To publicize and disseminate the court decisions on the conviction of justice actors for corruption;*
- ✓ *To amend the legislation in order to regulate the activity of the National Integrity Authority, the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office and the National Anti-Corruption Centre in the field of combating corruption in the justice sector;*
- ✓ *To guarantee the rights of persons deprived of their liberty, to eradicate the torture and ill-treatment, including through the construction of a new prison;*
- ✓ *To identify the solutions to prevent the excessive use of preventive detention, including through the adoption of disciplinary and material measures against persons abusing this document;*
- ✓ *To revise the legal framework concerning the payment of notaries, insolvency administrators, bailiffs, etc.;*
- ✓ *To introduce severe sanctions for violations of the right to education of children;*
- ✓ *To revise the legal framework to strengthen fundamental human freedoms, including freedom of expression, and to avoid undue restrictions on access to information;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the role of civil society watchdogs and to prevent their participation in political activities.*

II. PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY OF CITIZENS

Main objectives

- ✓ *To improve the system of initial and continuous training of police officers, with emphasis on practical training; to unify the training system at the Ministry of Internal Affairs level under the auspices of the Stefan cel Mare Academy;*
- ✓ *To expand the implementation of the concept of public policing at the national level and reorient the repressive activities of police units towards active policing;*
- ✓ *To organize reorganization of the patrol concept at the national level;*
- ✓ *To plan human resources and logistics planning based on tactical analysis;*
- ✓ *To develop a unique curriculum for initial police training;*
- ✓ *To improve the efficiency of the strategic and operational planning process at the level of ministries, departments and territories;*

- ✓ *To improve the monitoring system, which is currently inefficient and not doubled through appropriate evaluation of plans / programs / actions;*
- ✓ *To conceptualize the level of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the area of operational management and clear delineation of competencies;*
- ✓ *To development an institutional model to ensure compatibility and consistency between the structures located at different hierarchical levels;*
- ✓ *To reorganize the strategic and operational police units and their functioning;*
- ✓ *To review the human resources management and to create the attractive and competitive conditions for new employees;*
- ✓ *To delineate Clearly the public order and the security powers between the police and the customs officers, as well as other structures of the Ministry of the Interior with responsibilities in the field;*
- ✓ *To establishment the institutionalized mechanisms for formal consultation and participation of local public authorities and society in the management of public order and security;*
- ✓ *To increase the efficiency of the operational management within the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations to ensure full integration of regional structures;*
- ✓ *To develop a system of standard operating procedures necessary to carry out specific activities;*
- ✓ *To efficiency the operational management in the Border Police in terms of the functioning of the regional/local coordination centers, the lack of interoperability and interoperability, the limited capacity of mobile teams and the lack of intervention structures;*
- ✓ *To revise the organizational and functional framework for operational management at the level of the General Police Inspectorate, which is outdated or revised by segment?*

III. EXTERNAL POLICY

Main objectives

- ✓ *To promote a consistent and balanced foreign policy with a view to strengthening relations with international partners, with a focus on the parallel deepening of relations with both Western and Eastern countries;*
- ✓ *To intensify efforts abroad to identify the best conditions for Moldova in case of international recognition of Moldova's military neutrality status;*

- ✓ *To concentrate efforts on ensuring a favorable international climate for determining a final political solution to the Transnistrian conflict, as well as a peaceful and sustainable completion of this exercise, in line with the principle of respect for Moldova's territorial integrity within internationally recognized borders;*
- ✓ *To continue the efforts to ensure an orderly, complete and definitive withdrawal of foreign troops and ammunition from the territory of the Republic of Moldova;*
- ✓ *To implement the plenary provisions of the Association Agreement and Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with the European Union and to deepen the bilateral relations with its member states;*
- ✓ *To start studying the real possibilities of Moldova to initiate a national programme for the implementation of the European Union Criteria in Copenhagen;*
- ✓ *To restore the pragmatic, mutually advantageous relations with the Russian Federation, pleading for their strategic character, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation in force. The government will lead the process of strict observance and protection of Moldova's national interests;*
- ✓ *Strategic maintenance of strategic relations with the United States of America;*
- ✓ *Strengthening of special relations of the Republic of Moldova with neighboring states, Romania and Ukraine. The government will take the necessary measures to complete Moldova's connection to the European energy networks as soon as possible, thus diversifying its energy sources;*
- ✓ *To promote bilateral relations with the European Union member states. In the context of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, it is becoming important to complete the negotiations on bilateral agreements in order to maintain and deepen the trade and economic relations with the United Kingdom;*
- ✓ *To resume a permanent dialogue with the structures of the Commonwealth of Independent States and, in accordance with the national interests of the Republic of Moldova, to train their activity (except for military cooperation) in order to ensure free access of Moldovan goods and services to the CIS market for the benefit of producers;*
- ✓ *To use the status of observer state in the Eurasian Economic Union in order to identify new opportunities for the export of the Republic of Moldova in this economic space;*
- ✓ *To deepen strategic relations with Turkey in line with the provisions of the Declaration on the strategic nature of bilateral relations by organizing the first meeting of the Joint Committee at the level of heads of state;*

- ✓ *To promote active economic diplomacy and to carry out additional actions and mechanisms to attract foreign investments and stimulate the export of goods and services, in particular by using the potential of the Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA);*
- ✓ *To complete the monitoring procedure of Moldova by the Council of Europe and transition to the post-monitoring stage;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the mechanisms of protection of the rights and interests of citizens and economic agents from Moldova abroad;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the relations and consistent participation in the activities of relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations (UN, OSCE, Council of Europe, BSEC, SEECP, ICE, GUAM, etc.) in order to promote national interests and priorities, to improve the image and prestige of the Republic of Moldova in the international arena, as well as to provide necessary support to achieve the strategic goals of the country's modernization.*

IV. ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT

Main objectives

- ✓ *To restore dialogue between government agencies and business environment representatives, especially in the process of developing and promoting fiscal and regulatory policies;*
- ✓ *To elaborate the national development strategy "Moldova 2025" and the tools for its implementation; to structure changes in the national economy by changing the model of economic growth, namely by replacing the model based on the consumption of remittances with a dynamic model based on reasonable specialization and broad transformation of the scientific and economic environment;*
- ✓ *To elaborate the Strategy for Development of the Tourism Sector in the Republic of Moldova;*
- ✓ *To identify the priority areas of intellectual specialization; selection of niche and innovative areas, packages of measures to increase the capacity of resources and local capacity and determine the best way of execution;*
- ✓ *To improve the business environment to increase the number of reliable companies motivated to invest in Moldova and implement innovations that can create attractive jobs, ensure high productivity and competitive export-oriented products;*

- ✓ *To stimulate the export of products with high added value; implementation of a qualitative model of economic development and capitalization of the export potential of local producers;*
- ✓ *To develop the potential of the infrastructure for certification of the quality of products intended to facilitate the export and stimulate the implementation of advanced technologies in domestic enterprises, including in agriculture, in order to ensure the security of consumption;*
- ✓ *To encourage the launch of new startup enterprises (especially for young people and women) by offering financing, joint participation, grants and mentoring capacity development;*
- ✓ *To evaluate the effectiveness of existing funds and the introduction of new types of subsidies to stimulate sustainable economic development and increase budget revenues (funds should motivate tax payments and increase value added);*
- ✓ *To attract foreign and local investments in the development of goods and services export sectors; to implement the projects aimed at international partnership in the field of industry, infrastructure, innovations, etc. External investments should be at least connected with the increase of external financial obligations of the state;*
- ✓ *To revise the mechanism for applying VAT to agricultural production in order to stimulate the development of the livestock sector and high value-added products;*
- ✓ *To participate actively (with presentations) in foreign investment forums and events;*
- ✓ *To promote jobs creation and wage increases;*
- ✓ *To bring the curriculum of educational institutions in line with the needs of the business environment;*
- ✓ *To increased access to credit resources;*
- ✓ *To assess the possibility of creating an institution of financial development - Bank / Development Fund / Investments of Moldova;*
- ✓ *To revitalize the stock exchange activity;*
- ✓ *To implement large investment projects for road infrastructure modernization;*
- ✓ *To restructure state-owned enterprise "Railways of Moldova";*
- ✓ *To open at least one international airport during the term of office;*
- ✓ *To improve the country's energy security by completing the construction of the Iasi-Chisinau gas pipeline;*
- ✓ *To implement the energy connection project with the European Union.*

I. PUBLIC FINANCES

Main objectives

- ✓ *To compliance with the budget calendar by means of promotion of documents on fiscal and customs policy and annual budget legislation within the terms stipulated by the legislation;*
- ✓ *To respect the commitments undertaken by the Republic of Moldova within the framework of international treaties and conventions, development of partnership relations with foreign donors and international financing organizations;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the dialogue with the business environment, taking all possible measures to increase the competitiveness of the national economy at the regional level;*
- ✓ *To maintain a constructive dialogue with local public administration authorities, respecting the principles of local financial and independent decision-making, within the framework of legislation;*
- ✓ *To approve in the first semester of 2020 the medium-term expenditure structure, which will increase the predictability of fiscal policy, is an important factor for attracting investments into the country's economy;*
- ✓ *To promote the draft of the new Customs Code in the Parliament, which is a condition adopted by Moldova when signing the Association Agreement with the European Union;*
- ✓ *To expand and improve the f electronic services provided to citizens and entrepreneurs;*
- ✓ *To improve the process of the taxpayers' registration through the elaboration of the Taxpayers' Register and the Employees' Register;*
- ✓ *To provide information exchange with foreign tax administrations on the basis of international standards of the OECD Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes;*
- ✓ *To identify and reduce fiscal and customs gap for segments of the national economy with increased risk of evasion;*
- ✓ *To consolidate and expanse the use of indirect methods and sources for the assessment of personal income;*
- ✓ *To introduce the Automated Information System "e-Factura" in the field of public procurement.*

X. SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HEALTHCARE

Main objectives

- ✓ *To consolidate and diversify the social benefits to strengthen social protection measures for older persons and persons with disabilities;*
- ✓ *To ensure the right to pension and other social insurance rights for citizens working abroad from the Republic of Moldova, by intensifying the dialogue with the states of destination of migrant workers;*
- ✓ *To promote the active policies to support families with children and children without parental care;*
- ✓ *To improve the measures for social integration of people with disabilities;*
- ✓ *To ensure access of people with difficulties to quality social services;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the social assistance program in order to cover the most disadvantaged families;*
- ✓ *To bring the regulatory framework in line with international standards in the field of preventing and combating domestic violence and ensuring gender equality;*
- ✓ *To support national security and demographic development policies;*
- ✓ *To ensure the patients to access to the quality services they need, when they need them and where they need them;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the regulatory and institutional framework for public health;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the measures to prevent infectious and non-communicable diseases;*
- ✓ *To improve the finance mechanisms for health care providers based on results, which will ensure effective allocation of public funds;*
- ✓ *To organize and contract the health services in accordance with the needs of the population through strategic procurement of health services;*
- ✓ *To make transparent the establishment of the medicine pricing method;*
- ✓ *To ensure access to compensable medicines by revising their list;*
- ✓ *To introduce the mechanisms for gradual insurance of medical institutions with medicines and medical devices for their efficient functioning and elimination of waiting lists for medical services;*
- ✓ *To improve the working conditions and motivate the employees in the health care system;*
- ✓ *To promote the tools to eliminate informal payments in the health care system;*
- ✓ *To accelerate the actions to improve relations between the doctor and the patient;*
- ✓ *To modernize the labor legislation in order to improve the efficiency of labor relations and provide guarantees for employees and employers;*

- ✓ *To bring occupational safety and health legislation into line with European Union directives and ILO conventions;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the role of the State Labour Inspectorate in the field of occupational safety and health;*
- ✓ *To restore and ensure the social dialogue;*
- ✓ *To adopt the measures to conclude agreements on labour migration in order to regulate migration and respect the rights of migrant workers.*

II. EDUCATION, RESEARCH, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Main objectives

- ✓ *To reduce the rate of early abandon of the education system through analysis and adjusting of the regulatory framework;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the capacities for monitoring and evaluation of the education system;*
- ✓ *To rethink the conditions of teachers 'careers so that they are based on appropriate criteria and processes;*
- ✓ *To remove the bureaucracy form teachers activity and to establish an educational process based on pupils needs;*
- ✓ *To continue the curriculum reform and textbooks updating, while certifying both print and digital form;*
- ✓ *To make transparent the public procurement procedures for school textbooks;*
- ✓ *To develop the out of school learning and extra-curricular educational policies to ensure: civic education, cultural, artistic and scientific education, environmental education, sports education, road safety education, education for sustainable development;*
- ✓ *To prevent and combat violence in schools;*
- ✓ *To use effectively the methodology to combat segregation in schools;*
- ✓ *To assure provision of education to national minorities and disadvantaged groups;*
- ✓ *To establish the regulatory framework to healthy eating habits for children;*
- ✓ *To develop and implement programmes to stimulate learning achievement for students with high potential;*
- ✓ *To expand the partnerships with various socio-economic entities to develop dual vocational education programmes;*
- ✓ *To increase the universities autonomy, at the same time strengthening the responsibility and transparency in higher education institutions;*
- ✓ *To initiate the draft law on university consortium;*

- ✓ *To improve the quality and relevance of university curriculum;*
- ✓ *The ensure the conditions for fair and impartial elections at the level of the university administration;*
- ✓ *To create functional mechanisms for monitoring the professional career of graduates;*
- ✓ *To develop an action plan for doctoral studies development;*
- ✓ *To start the evaluation process of doctoral schools;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the international prestige of the universities of the Republic of Moldova in order to attract foreign students, as well as to strengthen the traditional relations existing between Moldova and various international organizations in the field of education and scientific research;*
- ✓ *To create a coordinated institutional framework and action plan to use the potential of university graduates and researchers from the Moldovan diaspora;*
- ✓ *To initiate an assessment of the national institutes of research and development;*
- ✓ *To start the process of mapping the research infrastructure;*
- ✓ *To initiate the research programs specific to new technologies;*
- ✓ *To develop the effective policies to stimulate cultural consumption;*
- ✓ *To improve and modernize the system of purchasing cultural works that contribute to the national heritage of modern valuable works;*
- ✓ *To launch a program to analyze investments strictly necessary for the cultural infrastructure: museums, theatres, libraries, galleries, headquarters of creative unions;*
- ✓ *To develop a program to support the film industry in the Republic of Moldova and to revive the film network in the country;*
- ✓ *To develop a transparent regulatory framework to promote creativity in the field of national written culture;*
- ✓ *To support the local authorities in building institutional, budgetary and technical capacities to promote, manage, protect and promote local culture, as well as local and national cultural heritage;*
- ✓ *To encourage the private investment in immovable cultural heritage;*
- ✓ *To create a programme of equal opportunities for young people from disadvantaged families for their social and financial integration;*
- ✓ *To promote sports and volunteer education in schools;*
- ✓ *To promote table sports and development of sports infrastructure accessible to all citizens of the country;*

- ✓ *To encourage school and university sports competitions and constructive competitive spirit, especially for students and pupils;*
- ✓ *To develop and support, with the participation of the local public administration, the continuous practice of physical and sporting activities.*

VIII. AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND FOOD INDUSTRY

Main objectives

- ✓ *To develop and approve a new Land Code;*
- ✓ *To improve the efficiency of the agricultural insurance system and strengthen the state support;*
- ✓ *To create a new system of compensation in agriculture;*
- ✓ *To remove the non-tariff barriers to the export of agri-food products, especially fruit and vegetables;*
- ✓ *To simplify the phytosanitary certification procedures for export of fruit and vegetable products;*
- ✓ *To strengthen/improve the system of testing and registration of new plant varieties;*
- ✓ *To simplify and reduce the testing time for fertilizers and plant protection products;*
- ✓ *To develop legislative framework for organic farming;*
- ✓ *To initiate the measures to restore protective forest belts;*
- ✓ *To introduce the modern hail protection technologies;*
- ✓ *To develop and adopt the new Livestock Law;*
- ✓ *To revitalize the zoo technical sector by means of state subsidies for new technologies and purchase of livestock, with a focus on milk and meat production;*
- ✓ *To promote the integration of vegetable production with livestock production in order to increase the efficiency of agricultural potential, which will ensure domestic consumption and reduce the import of each individual product;*
- ✓ *To focus on investments on strengthening the value chain and agro-processing infrastructure and to modernize the processing industry through the creation of a system of small and medium-sized enterprises for processing, storage and packaging of agro-food products;*
- ✓ *To take the necessary measures to accredit and certify the reference laboratories from the phytosanitary and sanitary and veterinary systems for different quality management systems,*

in order to strengthen the confidence of the foreign partners in the quality of the Moldovan products;

- ✓ *To strengthen the system of agricultural consultancy and knowledge dissemination through financial support from the state budget;*
- ✓ *To strengthen the agricultural research and education system and adapt it to the needs of agriculture;*
- ✓ *To improve the competitiveness of agricultural production by supporting the producers' association and encouraging investment in high value-added agriculture (exemption from taxes and excise taxes on imported equipment);*
- ✓ *To protect the domestic market of domestic products: introduction of protective measures in the domestic dairy market (which will become part of the WTO contractual agreements);*
- ✓ *To develop and implement the fruit program in schools to teach healthy fruit consumption among children;*
- ✓ *To develop the national strategy for environmental protection;*
- ✓ *To adjust the normative framework in accordance with the provisions of the Law no. 209/2016 on waste and Law no. 129/2019 for animal by-products not intended for human consumption.*

III. SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Main objectives

- ✓ *To transform the security and defense sector in accordance with the national interests of the Republic of Moldova, based on the principle of permanent neutrality and new challenges for national, regional and global security;*
- ✓ *To update the national security and defense policy documents in the context of achieving a balanced security policy;*
- ✓ *To develop the early warning and planning mechanisms in the field of national security and defense; to strengthen the crisis management and monitoring systems in real time;*
- ✓ *To reassess the competencies of state security agencies by clearly defining tasks, avoiding duplication of competencies and improving skills in forecasting security risks;*
- ✓ *To make the decision-making process more effective in the management of the national security and defense system; to expand the decision-making process and financial transparency of the security and defense bodies;*

- ✓ *To improve the legal framework for the social protection of military personnel, state security personnel and their families, veterans of the armed forces and participants in military conflicts;*
- ✓ *To provide measures to increase the quality of life, social protection and improve the conditions of service within the organs of the national security and defense system;*
- ✓ *To develop the bilateral and multilateral partnerships in the field of national defense and security with strategic partners of the Republic of Moldova, based on the principle of permanent neutrality;*
- ✓ *To improve the information, counter-information and security capabilities in new media and communication technologies;*
- ✓ *To develop the abilities for providing information, cyber security and strategic communication in the Republic of Moldova;*
- ✓ *To make more efficient use of the regional air space management and defense capabilities;*
- ✓ *To ensure the National Army's participation in international peacekeeping missions in accordance with the principle of permanent neutrality;*
- ✓ *To develop the critical military capabilities needed to ensure national defense;*
- ✓ *To assure the preserve of weapons and military heritage.*

IV. REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY

Main objectives

- ✓ *To intensify the cooperation with international partners in the 5+2 format in order to form a consensus on the formula for Moldova's reintegration;*
- ✓ *To deepen cooperation with Ukraine, including in the area of general border management;*
- ✓ *To identify and implement the new projects of social and economic nature designed to contribute to the harmonization of relations between the parties;*
- ✓ *To expand the public services for residents on the left bank of the Dniester River and protection of human rights.*

The list of the main priorities of the Government for this period is not limited to the above strategic directions. Equally, the Government's attention and efforts will also be focused on other main directions, including the state policy to reduce the migration of the population and to solve demographic problems, to further strengthen inter-ethnic relations and harmony within the country, to further regulate the national legal framework in the context of the Law on Special Legal Status of Gagauzia, to strengthen the autonomy of local public authorities, priority development of sectors of the economy with high potential for value creation, including the information technology sector, as well as other important areas of social, economic and political importance.