

Joint Declaration of the Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Cristina Gherasimov and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic, Edmondo Cirielli, in support of Moldova's Accession in the European Union

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On the occasion of the visit of President of the Italian Republic, Sergio MATTARELLA to the Republic of Moldova, at the invitation of the President of the Republic of Moldova, Maia SANDU,

We, the Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Cristina Gherasimov and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic, Edmondo Cirielli, reaffirm our strong commitment to the shared values and principles that unite our nations: democracy, human rights, rule of law, and the pursuit of peace and prosperity for all our citizens.

Recognizing the Republic of Moldova's European aspirations and its significant efforts in implementing comprehensive reforms, we acknowledge the progress made in strengthening democratic institutions, enhancing the rule of law, promoting economic development, and improving the welfare of the Moldovan people.

The Republic of Moldova has taken significant steps towards European integration, including the complete implementation of the European Commission's 9 recommendations, progress in implementation of the Association Agreement and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) with the European Union. These efforts demonstrate Moldova's dedication to aligning with European standards and values.

The enlargement of the European Union is an investment in peace, security, stability, and prosperity. It is a merit-based endeavor. Moldova is pursuing an accelerated reform agenda, recognizing the critical importance of speed in the current geopolitical context. Italy fully supports Moldova's accession to the European Union. Moldova's EU membership will contribute to the stability, security, and prosperity of the entire European continent. We are confident that Moldova's integration into the EU will bring mutual benefits, fostering economic growth, cultural exchange, and stronger political cooperation.

Italy acknowledges Moldova's growing contribution to regional and European security. We pledge to deepen our bilateral cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, energy, security, education, and cultural exchange, further strengthening the ties between our

people. We would also like to highlight the significant role of the Moldovan community in Italy, which serves as a bridge between our countries. Their hard work contributes to both economies, while fostering mutual understanding and enduring ties.

In conclusion, we express our hope that the Republic of Moldova's path to EU membership will be marked by continued progress and fruitful cooperation. Together, we stand united in our vision of a united, peaceful, and prosperous Europe.

Signed,

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