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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF MOLDOVA
REGARDING COOPERATION TO FACILITATE
THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE

The Government of the United States of America and the
Government of Moldova:

Recognizing the interests of the Government of the United
States of America and the Government of Moldova in cooperating to
facilitate the provision of humanitarian and technical economic
assistance to benefit the people of Moldova; and

Recognizing the need to make certain practical arrangements
to help ensure the effectiveness of that assistance;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES

(A) Commodities, supplies, or other property, including services, provided or utilized in connection with United States assistance programs may be imported into, exported from, or used in Moldova free from any tariffs, dues, customs duties, import taxes, and other similar taxes or charges, including value added taxes, imposed by Moldova, or any subdivision thereof. The parties understand that the provisions of this paragraph provide an exemption from the imposition of any such taxes and charges on purchases made in Moldova.

(B) Any United States government or United States private organization that has responsibility for implementing United States assistance programs, and any personnel of such private organization who are not nationals of or ordinarily resident in Moldova in connection with such programs, shall be exempt from (1) any income, social security or other taxes imposed by Moldova, or any subdivision thereof, regarding income received in connection with the implementation of United States assistance programs, and (2) the payment of any tariffs, dues, customs duties, import taxes, and other similar taxes or charges upon personal or household goods imported into, exported from, or used in Moldova for the personal use of such personnel or members of their families.

(C) The access and movement of aircraft and vessels operated by or for the Government of the United States of America in connection with United States assistance programs in Moldova shall be free of landing fees, navigation charges, port charges, tolls and similar charges by Moldova, or any subdivision thereof.

ARTICLE II

STATUS OF PERSONNEL

Civilian and military personnel of the United States Government present in Moldova in connection with United States assistance programs shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to derogate from the privileges and immunities to which personnel are otherwise entitled.

ARTICLE III

INSPECTION AND AUDIT

Upon reasonable request, representatives of the Government of the United States of America may examine the utilization of any commodities, supplies, other property, or services provided under United States assistance programs at sites of their location or use; and may inspect or audit any records or other documentation in connection with the assistance wherever such records or documentation are located during the period in which the United States provides assistance to Moldova and for three years thereafter.

ARTICLE IV

USE OF ASSISTANCE

Any commodities, supplies, or other property provided under United States assistance programs will be used solely for the purposes agreed upon between the Governments of the United States of America and Moldova. If use of any commodities, supplies or other property occurs for purposes other than those agreed upon under such programs, which the Government of the United States of America determines could reasonably have been prevented by appropriate action of the Government of Moldova, the Government of Moldova upon request shall refund in United States dollars to the Government of the United States of America the amount disbursed for such commodities, supplies, or other property. The Government of the United States of America may, in its discretion, make available the amount refunded to finance other costs of the assistance activity involved.

ARTICLE V

OTHER AGREEMENTS

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Moldova recognize that further arrangements or agreements may be necessary or desirable with respect to particular United States assistance activities. In case of any inconsistency between this agreement and any such further written agreements, the provisions of such further written agreements shall prevail.

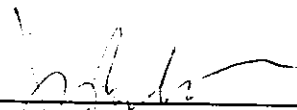
ARTICLE VI

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties.

Done at CHISINAŢU, in duplicate, this 21ST day of March, 1994, in the English language. The Government of Moldova will prepare a text in the Moldovan language, which will be considered as having equal authenticity after an exchange of Diplomatic Notes confirming its conformity with the English-language text.

For the Government of
The United States of America:



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For the Government of
Moldova:

