

**Intervention**  
**by Larisa Miculeț, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the**  
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Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me the floor.

We highly appreciate your tireless efforts to bring together at this very important Forum such a broad array of stakeholders since this is the key prerequisite for successful achievement of the sustainable development by all of us.

Excellences, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The Republic of Moldova is fully committed to the provisions of both the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the people's dignity and well being lies at the core of the Moldovan Government's Agenda. With this in mind, the Moldovan Government makes significant efforts to mobilize all sources of finance - public and private, domestic and international - geared to the sustainable development goals achievement. Among short and medium term priorities of the Government is the business environment improvement, attracting more foreign direct investments (FDI), trade facilitation, getting access to new markets and advancing the dialogue and cooperation with the development partners.

In this regard, we would like to bring to your attention some of the most prominent achievements and current actions undertaken to finance the sustainable development.

In terms of trade facilitation and development and new markets accession, a major achievement was the signing by the Republic of Moldova of the Association Agreement with the EU in 2014 and the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area as its component. This agreement provides our country with many opportunities ranging from making meaningful and substantive improvement in the trade environment and policy framework to better comply with the EU market standards and requirements.

Additionally, a series of important structural reforms have been implemented in order to streamline the customs administration system and to improve the quality and efficiency of the customs services, among which worth mentioning the introduction of the electronic clearance services, one stop window at customs and reducing the number of documents necessary for importing and exporting customs clearance procedures. According to the World Bank index on "doing business", with these normative improvements the Republic of Moldova introduced some good practices in foreign trade just like other advanced economies do so.

With regard to the FDI, a sound Investment Attraction Strategy for Promoting Exports for 2016-2020 has been recently developed that aims to attracting net inflows of foreign direct investments of about \$ 380 million in the period 2016-2020 and generating approximately \$ 232 million in the form of income tax (61%) to the country's budget. It also aims to create at least 10 000 new jobs, reduce the trade deficit of GDP by 4%, decrease the unemployment rate by 1.4%, increase the share of FDI in GDP to 3.9%.

Distinguished delegates,

In conclusion, we would like to mention that we are at the very beginning of our challenging path towards implementing 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Implementation of the 2030 Agenda, will require stronger capacities, much more resources and reliable financing, efficient institutions and innovative approaches. Likewise, strong and result-oriented financing for development partnerships at all levels will be critical to ensure that by 2030 no one is left behind.

Thank you!