



STATEMENT

by H.E. Mr. Nicolae Popescu, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

at the High-level Dialogue on Energy

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Mr. Under-Secretary-General,
Excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to join this High-level Dialogue aiming at gathering momentum in support of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 and its related targets.

Progress on SDG7 is critical to fostering actions to combat climate change and implementing the 2030 Agenda.

The Moldovan Government has set strategic objectives by 2030. They are focused on: ensuring secured access to energy for all; development of the competitive energy markets and their regional and European integration; sustainability of the energy sector and combating the climate crisis.

To strengthen the energy security of the country, in recent years important infrastructure projects have been implemented. Those projects aim at interconnecting the electric power system of the Republic of Moldova and Romania and, implicitly, ensuring the country's integration into the European Union's electricity market.

With the support of the development partners in the last ten years more than 100 million Euros have been invested in energy efficiency projects. More than 35 million Euros have been devoted to promoting renewables.

Respectively, increasing energy efficiency is a strategic long-term priority of the Government.

To support that priority the national legal framework on energy efficiency has been aligned to the European *acquis Communautaire*.

Furthermore, the Moldovan Government aims at developing new policies and programs on energy efficiency with a strong focus on the residential sector, the latter being responsible for more than half of the final energy consumption.

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Climate actions are fundamental to stopping the rapidly unfolding climate crisis and achieve the SDGs.

We are fully committed to the Paris Agreement objectives on holding the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees.

The Republic of Moldova was among the first countries to present its updated Nationally Determined Contribution in 2020. We are committed to achieving more ambitious targets.

Currently, the Government is working on a National Action Plan on Energy and Climate by 2030.

This is a key strategic document that will establish a set of measures to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the greenhouse gas emissions targets.

This High-level Dialogue provides us with the opportunity to strengthen our commitment to making clean energy affordable for all, according to the principle Leave no one behind.

The Republic of Moldova reiterates its resolve to reach the Sustainable Development Goal 7.

This is a prerequisite for ensuring energy security of the country, meeting the Paris Agreement commitments, and achieving the other Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you for your attention.