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STATEMENT

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**at the UNGA High-Level Meeting on the Protection of the Global Climate for the
Present and Future Generations of Humankind in the Context of the Economic, Social
and Environmental Dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

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Madame President,

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the organization of today's High Level Meeting that provides not only a timely opportunity to delve deeper into the synergies between climate action and the broader 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development but also a possibility to identify specific actions and means of implementation that can make a difference to climate change and adaptation.

The climate change poses a serious threat to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which we all have committed to.

The IPCC 1.5-degree report provides abundant clarity as to the need for action.

Action that not only guarantees the full implementation of the Paris Agreement but also the protection of the global climate for the present and future generations of humankind in the context of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Distinguished delegates,

The Republic of Moldova supports the global action on climate change, and has committed to reduce through its Nationally Determined Contribution the greenhouse gas emissions with no less than 67% compared to 1990 level by 2030.

That target could be increased to 78% upon the provision of relevant financial support, know-how exchange and technical cooperation in the climate field.

The achievement of those targets is being supported by relevant policy documents such as the 2030 Low Emission Development Strategy and the 2020 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy aiming, *inter alia*, at ensuring transport modernization, infrastructure rehabilitation and development, promoting energy efficiency and increasing the share of renewable energy sources up to 20 per cent by 2020.

The country's size and demographic peculiarities make climate adaptation and disaster risk management indispensable items of the Republic of Moldova's sustainable development agenda. We understand that any action done today for mitigation and adaptation to climate change is a step towards sustainable development, to a better future for current and future generations.

To enhance Moldova's climate adaptation capacity and disaster risk management systems we need more resources and investments. This explains the openness of our Government to international financing programmes for climate change mitigation and adaptation actions.

Madame President,

As was repeatedly pointed out by the previous speakers, the Governments alone will not be able to cope with the climate change related challenges.

Strengthened and enhanced global partnership is critical to support the Member States with greatest needs to ensure rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban, infrastructure and industrial systems, mitigate the impact of and ensure adaptation to climate change.

The United Nations has a critical role to play in unleashing the potential of non-state actions for global climate protection and forging innovative partnerships in this regard. Moreover, the UN system is required to promote integrated action in the areas of climate change and sustainable development and to foster the system-wide coherence of its work on climate change at the country level, particularly in enhancing the flow of foreign direct investment.

The Republic of Moldova expects that the new resident coordinator system will assume a central role in leveraging available UN system expertise to maximize the benefits, at the country level, in all related thematic impact areas, including normative guidance on climate change, linkages between nationally determined contributions and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, climate resilience and disaster risk reduction, technology and innovation, climate finance and climate change nexus issues.

We hope that this High Level Meeting and, particularly, the 2019 UN Climate Summit in September will contribute to building momentum for climate solutions and spur up an effective response to the climate change challenge.

Thank you for your attention.