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Doina Nistor,
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Economic Development
and Digitalization of the Republic
of Moldova

Subject: Agreement in the Form of an Exchange of Letters Amending the Association Agreement of the Republic of Moldova to the Digital Europe Programme (2021-2027)

Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

I have the honour to refer to Article 6(8) of the Agreement between the European Union of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Digital Europe Programme (2021-2027) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Association Agreement'), and to propose an amendment to Article 1(1) of the Agreement as requested by a letter from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Digitalisation of the Republic of Moldova Dumitru Alaiba to the Director General Roberto Viola dated 3 June 2024.

The aim of the proposed amendment is to grant the Republic of Moldova access to the EU Cybersecurity Reserve, subject to meeting the requirements set out in the Cyber Solidarity Act.

Article 1(1) of the Agreement is, therefore, amended as follows:

"Article 1

Scope of the association

1. The Republic of Moldova shall participate as an associated country in and contribute to Specific Objectives 1 (High Performance Computing), 2 (Artificial Intelligence), 3 (Cybersecurity and Trust) *solely for the purpose of accessing EU's Cybersecurity Reserve subject to fulfilling the conditions set out in Article 19 of the Cyber Solidarity Act*[1]*, including providing to the Commission information about its cyber resilience and*

[1] Regulation (EU) 2025/38 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 laying down measures to strengthen solidarity and capacities in the Union to detect, prepare for and respond to cyber threats and incidents and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/694 (Cyber Solidarity Act), OJ L, 2025/38, 15.1.2025.

risk management capabilities within three months of the conclusion of the agreement and after that on a regular basis, and designating an authority to act as a single point of contact for the purposes of the Cyber Solidarity Act, 4 (Advanced Digital Skills) and 5 (Deployment and Best Use of Digital Capacities and Interoperability) of the Digital Europe Programme referred to in Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/694, in its most up to date version."

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your Government to the above. If you do agree, this Letter together with your confirmation reply shall constitute an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending the Association Agreement.

This Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force once the European Union and the Republic of Moldova have notified each other of the completion of their respective internal approval procedures to conclude this Agreement.

Please accept, Deputy Prime Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Roberto Viola

Ministry of Economic
Development and Digitalisation
of the Republic of Moldova

Dear Mr. Viola,

I have the honour to refer to your Letter of 20 May 2025 which reads as follows:

'Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

I have the honour to refer to Article 6(8) of the Agreement between the European Union of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Digital Europe Programme (2021-2027) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Association Agreement'), and to propose an amendment to Article 1(1) of the Agreement as requested by a letter from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Digitalisation of the Republic of Moldova Dumitru Alaiba to the Director General Roberto Viola dated 3 June 2024.

The aim of the proposed amendment is to grant the Republic of Moldova access to the EU Cybersecurity Reserve, subject to meeting the requirements set out in the Cyber Solidarity Act.

Article 1(1) of the Agreement is, therefore, amended as follows:

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I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your Government to the above. If you do agree, this Letter together with your confirmation reply shall constitute an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending the Association Agreement. This Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force once the European Union and the Republic of Moldova have notified each other of the completion of their respective internal approval procedures to conclude this Agreement.

Roberto Viola`

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I have the honour to confirm that the Government of the Republic of Moldova is in agreement with the content of your letter and that together with this letter they shall constitute an agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters to amend Article 1(1) of the Agreement between the European Union of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, on the participation of the Republic of Moldova in the Digital Europe Programme (2021-2027), in accordance with your proposal.

This Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters shall enter into force once the European Union and the Republic of Moldova have notified each other of the completion of their respective internal approval procedures to conclude this agreement.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Doina Nistor,

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Development and Digitalisation