THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

25 September 2019

Excellency,

With the consent of your Government, and after consultation with the heads of the various organizations of the United Nations system, I have the honour to designate, with effect from 1 October 2019, Mr. Simon Springett as Resident Coordinator of the United Nations system's operational activities for development in the Republic of Moldova.

The functions of the Resident Coordinator, as the delegated authority and representative of the Secretary-General, are outlined in paragraph 34 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, relating to the coordination of operational activities for development by the United Nations system at the country level, and in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018, concerning the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

In accordance with these provisions, Mr. Springett, on behalf of the United Nations system, will have overall responsibility and exercise team leadership for the coordination of operational activities for development in Moldova. He will be responsible to me for discharging these functions, which will be carried out in conformity with the priorities established by your competent national authorities. Mr. Springett will be the highest-ranking representative of the United Nations development system in Moldova and I should be grateful if your Government could extend to him and to his Office the same status and courtesies as are accorded to a diplomatic mission and head of mission, including in respect of the diplomatic list.

In conjunction with his duties as Resident Coordinator, I have also appointed Mr. Springett as Designated Official for Security, with responsibility for the safety and security of personnel employed by the organizations of the United Nations system and their recognized dependants throughout Moldova. In this capacity, I would be grateful if your Government could facilitate the necessary liaison and cooperation between Mr. Springett and the appropriate officials of the Government responsible for the security of United Nations personnel.

His Excellency
Mr. Igor Dodon
President of the Republic of Moldova
Chişinău

It would be appreciated if your Government could keep the Resident Coordinator informed of matters relevant to the exercise of his functions to ensure the better coordination of the system's operational activities.

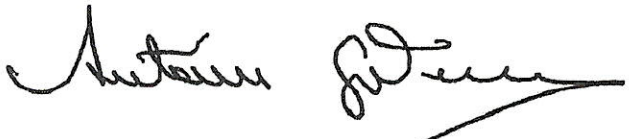
Pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 72/279, the functions of the Resident Coordinator and those of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) were separated on 1 January 2019. When the Resident Coordinator also performed the functions of the Resident Representative of UNDP in the country, the terms set forth in the UNDP Standard Basic Assistance Agreement (SBAA) concluded between UNDP and Moldova on 2 October 1992 applied also to the Resident Coordinator and members of the Office of the Resident Coordinator and the functions that they performed in that capacity.

With the separation of the Resident Coordinator functions from those of the UNDP Resident Representative, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/279, a separate legal framework should be established between the United Nations and your Government concerning the Resident Coordinator and members of the Resident Coordinator's Office. As such, and noting considerable practice and experience that exist in the implementation of the SBAA in Moldova, it would appear to be most expedient if the SBAA were to be applied, mutatis mutandis, to the Resident Coordinator and to members of his Office.

Accordingly, I wish to propose with this letter that the United Nations and Moldova agree to apply the SBAA, mutatis mutandis, to the Resident Coordinator and members of his Office and that upon receipt of your acceptance in writing of this proposal, our exchange of letters shall constitute an Agreement between the United Nations and Moldova regarding the Resident Coordinator and the Office of the Resident Coordinator in Moldova. Until this Agreement has been concluded, it is my expectation that the SBAA will apply in the interim to the Resident Coordinator and to members of his Office.

Guided by the intentions of the General Assembly, I have the honour to invite you to arrange for Mr. Springett, in the performance of his functions, to receive the cooperation of the appropriate authorities in Moldova and to express the confidence that this designation will serve to strengthen the collaboration between your Government and the organizations of the United Nations system engaged in operational activities for development in your country.

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



António Guterres

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister

Chisinau, March 29th, 2023

Your Excellency,

Referring to your latter of 25 September 2019, addressed to the President of the Republic of Moldova, which you can find bellow:

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Taking into consideration the necessity of separation of the Resident Coordinator functions from those of the UNDP Resident Representative, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/279, and the necessity of separate legal framework to be established between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the United Nations, it is my honour to inform you that we accept your proposal on the applicability of the Standard Basic Assistance Agreement (SBAA), *mutatis mutandis*, to the Resident Coordinator and the members of his Office in the Republic Moldova.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Moldova, I have further the honor to confirm that your letter, together with this reply letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, will constitute an Agreement concluded by exchange of letters on the application, *mutatis mutandis*, of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), concluded on 2 October 1992 and amended on 2 July 1997 (SBAA), to the Resident Coordinator and to his Office in the Republic of Moldova, with the exception of Articles V and VI of such UNDP Agreement.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of notification by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration to the United Nations about the fulfillment of the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force. Pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its entry into force, this Agreement by exchange of letters shall be applied on a provisional basis as from the date of this letter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicu Popescu

António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations