AMENDING PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO EXTEND AMENDING AGREEMENT NO.1 BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO AMEND THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The Republic of Moldova and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("the United Kingdom") (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties" or individually referred to as "Party"),

DESIRING to extend the duration of Amending Agreement No.1 between the Republic of Moldova and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, done at Chișinău on 25 May 2023 ("Amending Agreement No.1"), which implemented further tariff liberalisation pursuant to The Strategic Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, done at Chișinău on 24 December 2020 ("the Trade and Cooperation Agreement"),

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Extension of the Duration of Amending Agreement No.1

Pursuant to sub-paragraph 2(b) of Article 8 of Amending Agreement No.1, the Parties agree to extend the duration of Amending Agreement No.1 by five years to 31 July 2029, subject to the conditions in this Amending Protocol.

ARTICLE 2

Pro-rating of Tariff Rate Quotas

1. Following 31 July 2029, or any earlier date that Amending Agreement No.1 is terminated in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 8 of Amending Agreement No.1, where a good is subject to a tariff rate quota under Annex II-A (Products Subject to Annual Duty-Free Tariff-Rate Quotas (UK)) to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the quantity of the applicable quota shall be calculated in proportion to the number of days remaining between 1 August 2029 and 31 December 2029, or between the date of termination if applicable and 31 December of that year.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of Article 4 of this Amending Protocol, this Article shall continue beyond the duration of this Amending Protocol.

ARTICLE 3

Amendment to the Application and Duration of a Temporary Safeguard Measure

1. For the purposes of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Amending Agreement No.1, the Parties agree that, if a good is subject to a tariff rate quota under Annex II-A (Products Subject to Annual Duty-Free Tariff-Rate Quotas (UK)) to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the quantity of the applicable quota shall be calculated in proportion to the number of days remaining in the calendar year for which the quota is applied.

2. If this Amending Protocol enters into force after the expiry of Amending Agreement No.1, then imports of goods originating in the territory of the Republic of Moldova into the territory of the United Kingdom during the period between the expiry of Amending Agreement No.1 and the entry into force of this Amending Protocol may be taken into account for the purposes of applying paragraph 1 of Article 3 of Amending Agreement No.1.

3. If the duration of Amending Agreement No.1 is extended beyond 31 July 2029, a temporary safeguard measure applied under Amending Agreement No.1 may continue to be applied.

4. In paragraph 2 of Article 4 of Amending Agreement No.1, "continues beyond 31 July 2024" shall be replaced by "exceeds 12 months."

ARTICLE 4

Commencement and Duration

1. This Amending Protocol shall enter into force on the date that the United Kingdom delivers a notification to the Republic of Moldova of the completion of its internal procedures necessary for entry into force.

2. If this Amending Protocol enters into force after the expiry of Amending Agreement No.1, then Amending Agreement No.1 shall re-enter into force between the Parties, subject to the conditions set out in this Amending Protocol, from the date of entry into force of this Amending Protocol until 31 July 2029.

3. This Amending Protocol shall remain in force for the duration of Amending Agreement No.1 (without prejudice to paragraph 2 of Article 2 of this Amending Protocol), unless the Parties agree otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised, have signed this Amending Protocol.

DONE at Chisinau on this twenty third day of May 20 twenty four in duplicate.

For the Republic of Moldova:

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: