Joint Declaration of Intent
on the establishment of a Goethe-Institut Liaison Office in the Republic of Moldova
between
the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova
and
the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova and the Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to jointly as "the Participants")

recall the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on Cultural Cooperation*, signed in Bonn on 11 October 1995 and approved by Government Decision of the Republic of Moldova No. 1002/1997 (hereinafter referred to as "the Cultural Cooperation Agreement").

The Participants recognize the importance of cultural cooperation as a means of strengthening bilateral relations, promoting mutual understanding, and fostering the shared cultural values of Europe.

Taking into account Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 15 of the Cultural Cooperation Agreement, which encourage the promotion of language, culture, education, scientific exchange, and the establishment and operation of cultural institutions of one Participant in the territory of the other, **they acknowledge** the role of the Goethe-Institut as the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute operating worldwide to promote the German language, foster international cultural cooperation, and convey a comprehensive image of Germany.

The Participants express their mutual interest in further developing and deepening Moldovan–German cultural relations.

They have thus reached the following understanding:

Section 1

1.1 The purpose of this Joint Declaration of Intent (hereinafter referred to as "the JDI") is to reiterate the openness and mutual commitment of the Participants towards the establishment and operation of a Goethe-Institut Liaison Office in the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with the Cultural Cooperation Agreement and the applicable legislation of both States.

Section 2

2.1. The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova reiterates its openness and readiness to support, within its competence and in accordance with national legislation, the establishment and functioning of a Goethe-Institut Liaison Office in the Republic of Moldova.

2.2. The Participants acknowledge that the Goethe-Institut Liaison Office should contribute to:

- the promotion of the German language and culture;

- cultural, educational and scientific exchanges;
- cooperation between cultural institutions, artists, academics and civil society;
- strengthening people-to-people contacts between the two countries.

Section 3

3.1 The practical aspects related to the establishment, status and operation of the Goethe-Institut Liaison Office will be further detailed through separate arrangements or any other instrument as necessary.

Section 4

4.1. This JDI is based on and will be interpreted in line with the provisions and objectives of the Cultural Cooperation Agreement.

4.2. Nothing in this JDI is intended to modify or replace the rights and obligations arising from the Cultural Cooperation Agreement or other applicable international agreements between the two States.

Section 5

5.1. This JDI is not a legally binding instrument. It expresses the shared understanding and commitment of the Participants to cooperate in the field of cultural relations, in particular with regard to the establishment and operation of a Goethe-Institut Liaison Office in the Republic of Moldova, within the framework of the Cultural Cooperation Agreement.

5.2. This JDI shall be signed in two copies in the English language, each being equally valid. Each Participant shall receive one copy.

5.3. This JDI will take effect on the date of its signature.

Signed in Chișinău on 19th of January 2026.

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