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*RE: Inputs to the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of SBSTA in response to the decision 2/CMP.7, paragraph 6, on development of modalities and procedures for possible additional LULUCF activities under the CDM.*

Republic of Moldova welcomes the opportunity to submit inputs to the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SBSTA on the work programme to develop modalities and procedures for additional LULUCF activities under the clean development mechanism (decision 2/CMP7, paragraph 6).

Land use activities have major significance to food security, employment, livelihoods, and exports in Republic of Moldova economy. Climate change has major implications for land use activities. Historical data indicates that Moldova has experienced an increase in mean temperature, moisture deficit and extreme event such as droughts, floods and frosts. In this context, sustainable management of cropland, grassland, wetland, and forest land resources is important for achieving the objectives of food security, poverty reduction, climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) activities offer significant opportunities for promoting climate change mitigation actions in Moldova. However, afforestation and reforestation (A/R) is the only land use activity currently eligible under the CDM. As a consequence, Republic of Moldova cannot harness mitigation actions associated with other LULUCF activities such as cropland, grassland, wetland, and forest land under the CDM although they offer cost-effective climate change mitigation and adaptation opportunities in the medium to long-term.

There has also been significant progress in developing methodologies for quantification, monitoring and verification of mitigation actions in cropland, grassland, wetland, and forest land under voluntary and compliance standards; and mitigation actions involving different categories of LULUCF activities have also been successfully demonstrated in several developing country contexts.

It is timely for SBSTA to consider inclusion of additional LULUCF activities under the CDM. Republic of Moldova requests SBSTA to consider developing modalities and procedures to enable implementation of mitigation activities covering additional LULUCF activities under the CDM.

Yours sincerely

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