



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**STATEMENT**

**by the State Secretary of Interior Affairs of the Republic of Moldova**

**Mrs. Jana Costachi**

**at the General Debate of the**

**International Migration Review Forum**

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Distinguished President of the General Assembly,

Distinguished Director General,

Excellencies,

Colleagues,

Since the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, in Marrakesh, the Republic of Moldova has demonstrated its unwavering support for this global cooperative framework on migration. We have continuously endeavored to implement the commitments under the GCM by aligning our national framework to the values and principles of the Compact, and by implementing strategic coordination and institutional monitoring measures in order to advance the fulfillment of the 23 objectives.

In order to enhance the development impact of migration for the benefit of migrants and the entire society, the Government of the Republic of Moldova developed new program and policy framework. The progress thus achieved has been outlined in the recently submitted Voluntary Review Report.

Distinguished delegates,

The Republic of Moldova has been considerably impacted by the migration phenomenon throughout the years, shaping our agenda of priorities and public policies in the respective field. The list of important matters such as diaspora engagement, return and reintegration of Moldovan migrants, prevention and counteraction of irregular migration and trafficking in human beings, has been supplemented by an urgent humanitarian crisis – hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian

and third-country refugees, women, children, elderly and disabled persons, fleeing Ukraine in order to save their lives. Since the outset of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war against Ukraine, the Moldovan authorities mobilized to assist and protect over 464.000 people. We continue to provide help to those in need while facing ourselves an unprecedented energy crisis and trying to socially and economically recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are grateful to the United Nations and its agencies, as well as to the international community, for the support and response to the emerging needs of the Republic of Moldova and the Eastern-European region. As the humanitarian concerns and outcomes of the war are being constantly addressed, the security concerns rest in a need of a more consolidated approach - migration and security are interdependent, providing a sense of security, in broad understandings – food security, social services security, state security, to both refugees and country nationals is essential. In the context of a globalized era, it is crucial that countries cooperate with one another, share best practices, build resilience and maintain public order when faced with such great challenges as the ones that continue to emerge from the war in Ukraine upon its neighboring countries.

In conclusion, distinguished delegates,

The Republic of Moldova hopes that the steady implementation of the commitments under the GCM and under the Progress Declaration that we shall further adopt, will enhance cooperation on international migration in all its dimensions, will provide tangible progress and will address emerging challenges in migration governance. The Republic of Moldova will remain further engaged in supporting the efforts of the international community to put in place policies and practices for achieving safe, orderly and regular migration.

I thank you.