

ACORD DE FINANȚARE
dintre Republica Moldova și Asociația Internațională
pentru Dezvoltare privind Proiectul "Răspuns de
Urgență la COVID-19-finanțare adițională"

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CREDIT NUMBER 6873-MD

Financing Agreement

(Moldova Emergency COVID-19 Response Project – Additional Financing)

between

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

CREDIT NUMBER 6873-MD

FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association") for the purpose of providing additional financing for activities related to the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) apply to and form part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient a credit, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in the amount of twenty four million eight hundred thousand Euro (EUR 24,800,000) (variously, "Credit" and "Financing"), to assist in financing the Project.
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.
- 2.04. The Service Charge is the greater of: (a) the sum of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge; and (b) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum; on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.05. The Interest Charge is the greater of: (a) the sum of one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge; and (b) zero percent (0%) per annum; on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.06. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.07. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 4 to this Agreement.
- 2.08. The Payment Currency is Euro.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project and the MPA Program. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project, through MOHLSP, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 4.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
- (a) that the Project Operational Manual has been updated, in a manner satisfactory to the Association;
 - (b) that the ESMF and the SEP have been updated in a manner satisfactory to the Association;
 - (c) that the Recipient, through MOHLSP, has hired or appointed, as part of the PIU, a waste management specialist and a communication specialist, in a manner satisfactory to the Association; and
 - (d) that the Recipient, through MOHLSP, has prepared and adopted the Project's ICWMP in terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association.
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the Signature Date.
- 4.03. For purposes of Section 10.05 (b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the Signature Date.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Finance.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
- (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance
Constantin Tanase Street, 7
MD-2005 Chisinau
Republic of Moldova; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Facsimile:	E-mail:
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5.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

(a) The Association's address is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America; and

(b) the Association's Electronic Address is:

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AGREED as of the Signature Date.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

By

Sandules

Authorized Representative

Name: Maria Sandu

Title: President of the Republic
of Moldova

Date: August 02, 2021

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Dobraja

Authorized Representative

Name: INGUNA DOBRAJA

Title: COUNTRY MANAGER

Date: August 03, 2021

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in Republic of Moldova.

The Project constitutes a phase of the MPA Program, and consists of the Original Project and the following Part 1.5:

Part 1: Emergency COVID-19 Response.

Providing immediate support to prevent COVID-19 from arriving or limiting local transmission through containment strategies, including the following:

1. Enhancing case confirmation through *inter alia*: (a) strengthening disease surveillance systems, selected public health laboratories, and epidemiological capacity for early detection and confirmation of cases; and (b) acquiring personal protective equipment, hygiene materials, COVID-19 test kits, laboratory reagents, polymerase chain reaction equipment, specimen transport kits and light vehicles for safe and rapid transportation of samples.
2. Strengthening the health system, strengthening the public health facilities to provide critical care to COVID-19 patients, and minimize the risk for patients and health staff becoming infected, all through, *inter alia*: (a) the acquisition of personal protective equipment and hygiene materials; (b) the provision of training on infection prevention and control practices; (c) the provision of equipment, drugs and medical supplies, including ICU beds in designated hospitals; (d) the provision of training on COVID-19 treatment and intensive care to respond to the surge in patients requiring admission in ICUs; (e) the carrying out of interior minor refurbishment to remodel ICUs and increase the availability of isolation rooms; and (f) the acquisition of ambulances to support urgent transportation of patients across the hospital network.
3. Supporting communication preparedness and activities to increase attention, knowledge and awareness of the government, the private sector, civil society and the population on the risk and potential impact of the pandemic through, *inter alia*: (a) the development and implementation of a national communication and outreach strategy, including social and behavioral communication change across multiple channels; and (b) the development and distribution of communication materials on COVID-19 and on general preventative measures for the general public.
4. Providing social and financial support to households through, *inter alia*: (a) supporting reforms to *Ajutor Social*; and (b) financing Cash Transfers.
5. Providing assistance in the urgent efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through:

- (i) supporting the Recipient's health sector in the purchase of Project COVID-19 Vaccine;
- (ii) supporting the development and strengthening of the Recipient's vaccine-related infrastructure, immunization systems, and service delivery capacity, including inter alia, cold chain facilities, waste management infrastructure, remote temperature monitoring, vehicles and logistics infrastructure, digital data systems for monitoring of vaccination, and forecasting needs in terms of vaccines, supplies, and equipment, assessment of vaccine management and deployment capacity and training of delivery workers; and
- (iii) strengthening the Recipient's institutional framework to enable safe and effective vaccine deployment including development of:
 - (a) national policies surrounding prioritization of vaccine allocation;
 - (b) regulatory standards for vaccination;
 - (c) standards and protocols surrounding cold chain, supplies, storage, logistics, and training, and
 - (d) accountability, grievance, citizen and community engagement mechanisms.

Part 2: Implementation Management and Monitoring and Evaluation

1. Carrying out project management activities including: (a) the carrying out of financial management, procurement, environmental and social requirements of the Project; and (b) monitoring and evaluating the project, including third-party monitoring.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements.

To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Recipient, through MOHLSP, shall operate throughout the implementation of the Project, a Project Implementation Unit ("PIU") with functions, staffing, and responsibilities satisfactory to the Association, as set forth in the Project Operational Manual.

B. Project Operational Manual

1. The Recipient, through MOHLSP shall carry out the Project, and cause CCPPH to carry out its activities under the Project, all in accordance with the updated Project Operational Manual.
2. Without limitation on Section I.B.1 above, in order to ensure adequate implementation of Part 1.5 of the Project, the Recipient shall prepare and adopt, and include it as part of the updated Project Operational Manual, a manual for Project COVID-19 Vaccine delivery and distribution ("Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual"), in form and substance satisfactory to the Association, which shall include:
 - (a) rules and procedures for prioritizing intra-country vaccine allocation following principles established in the WHO Fair Allocation Framework, including an action plan setting out the timeline and steps for implementing such rules;
 - (b) rules and procedures establishing minimum standards for vaccine management and monitoring, including medical and technical criteria, communications and outreach plan, cold chain infrastructure, and other related logistics infrastructure;
 - (c) rules and procedures for processing and collection of Personal Data in accordance with good international practice; and
 - (d) vaccine distribution plan, including action plan setting out timeline and steps for immunization.
3. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with this Agreement, the Project Operational Manual, and the Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive the provisions of the Project Operational Manual or the Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual without prior approval of the Association. In the event of any conflict between the provisions

of the Project Operational Manual or Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. Use of Military and Security Actors

1. Without limitations to the provisions of Section D of this Schedule and if, during Project implementation, the Recipient decides to use its military or security forces, the Recipient shall:
 - (a) prior to any involvement of its military and/or security forces in the carrying out of Project activities, send a written notice to the Association (in accordance with Section 11.01(b) of the General Conditions) communicating such decision, including the name of the military or security unit;
 - (b) ensure that all activities carried out by said military or security unit under the Project are under the control of MOHLSP and are undertaken exclusively for the purposes related to the Project; and
 - (c) ensure that all goods, services, Operating Costs, and training financed by the Credit proceeds that may be used by said military or security unit are under the direction and control of MOHLSP and are carried out strictly in accordance with the Project Operational Manual and other arrangements or protocols that the Association may require for carrying out these activities.
2. Except as the Association may otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the ownership of any assets generated, goods procured, and works constructed by the military or security unit referred to in paragraph 1 of this Section out of the Credit proceeds shall be transferred to, or shall vest, with MOHLSP or any equivalent or appropriate line ministry or agency agreed with the Association.

D. Environmental and Social Standards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan ("ESCP"), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, and provided in the ESCP;

- (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
 - (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
 - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
- 3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 4. The Recipient shall, and shall cause MOHLSP to, ensure that the following measures are taken in case its military or security forces ("security personnel") are used in the implementation of Project activities, and/or for provision of security to Project workers, sites and/or assets, in a manner satisfactory to the Association:
 - (a) adopt and enforce standards, protocols and codes of conduct for the selection and use of security or military personnel, and screen such personnel to verify that they have not engaged in past unlawful or abusive behavior, including sexual exploitation and abuse ("SEA"), sexual harassment ("SH") or excessive use of force;
 - (b) ensure that such personnel is deployed in accordance with the relevant requirements of ESSs and the ESCP;
 - (c) ensure that such personnel is adequately instructed and trained, prior to deployment and on a regular basis, on the use of force and appropriate conduct (including in relation to civilian-military engagement, SEA and SH, and other relevant areas), as set out in the, ESMF and the ESCP;
 - (d) ensure that the stakeholder engagement activities under the Stakeholder Engagement Plan include a communication strategy on the involvement of such personnel under the Project;
 - (e) ensure that any concerns or grievances regarding the conduct of such personnel are received, monitored, documented (taking into account the need to protect confidentiality), resolved through the Project's grievance mechanism; and reported to the Association no later than five (5) days after being received.
- 5. The Recipient shall ensure that:

- (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
 - (b) the Association is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
6. The Recipient shall establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances of Project-affected people, and take all measures necessary and appropriate to resolve, or facilitate the resolution of, such concerns and grievances, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
7. The Recipient shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors, subcontractors and supervising entities to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein; and (b) adopt and enforce codes of conduct that should be provided to and signed by all workers, detailing measures to address environmental, social, health and safety risks, and the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and violence against children, all as applicable to such civil works commissioned or carried out pursuant to said contracts.

E. Standards for COVID-19 Vaccine Approval

All Project COVID-19 Vaccines shall satisfy the Vaccine Approval Criteria.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

- 1. The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.
- 2. Except as may otherwise be explicitly required or permitted under this Agreement or as may be explicitly requested by the Association, in sharing any information, report or document related to the activities described in Schedule

1 of this Agreement, the Recipient shall ensure that such information, report or document does not include Personal Data.

Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing to finance Eligible Expenditures; in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in EUR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training under Part 1.5 of the Project	24,800,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	24,800,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the Signature Date, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed €9,920,000 may be made for payments made twelve months prior to the Signature Date of this Agreement, for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1).
2. The Closing Date is April 30, 2023.

Section IV. Other Undertakings

The Recipient and the Association hereby agree to amend the Original Financing Agreement as set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 3

Amendments to the Original Financing Agreement

The Recipient and the Association hereby agree to amend the Original Financing Agreement as follows:

1. Article 2.05 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2.05. The Interest Charge is the greater of: (a) the sum of one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge; and (b) zero percent (0%) per annum; on the Withdrawn Credit Balance."

2. Schedule 1 is amended and replaced in its entirety to read as Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
3. The withdrawal table in Section III of Schedule 2 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in EUR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs for the Project (except for Part 1.5)	31,000,000	100%
(2) Cash Transfers under Part 1.4 of the Project	21,900,000	100% of the amount up to withdrawal ceiling set forth in the table in Schedule 4 to this Agreement
TOTAL AMOUNT	52,900,000	

4. Section III.B.5. is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"5. The Closing Date is April 30, 2023."

5. The Appendix is amended by adding, and placing in alphabetical order the following term and definition (and, as a result, the remaining terms and definitions are renumbered to maintain alphabetical order):

"Project COVID-19 Vaccine" means a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19, authorized by the Recipient's national regulatory authority for distribution, marketing and administration within the territory of the Recipient, and acquired or deployed under the Project; "Project COVID-19 Vaccines" means the plural thereof.

Except as specifically amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Original Financing Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

SCHEDULE 4

Repayment Schedule

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each March 15 and September 15: commencing September 15, 2026 to and including March 15, 2046	1.65%
commencing September 15, 2046 to and including March 15, 2051	3.40%

* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.05 (b) of the General Conditions.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. "*Ajutor Social*" means the Recipient's program of social assistance cash transfers to poor households established by Law No. 133-XUI, dated June 12, 2008.
2. "Anti-Corruption Guidelines" means, for purposes of paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the "Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants", dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 and as of July 1, 2016.
3. "Basis Adjustment to the Interest Charge" means the Association's standard basis adjustment to the Interest Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association, and expressed either as a positive or negative percentage per annum.
4. "Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge" means the Association's standard basis adjustment to the Service Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association, and expressed either as a positive or negative percentage per annum.
5. "Cash Transfers" means a grant provided out of the proceeds of the Financing for an eligible beneficiary pursuant to the criteria and requirements set forth in the Project Operational Manual.
6. "Category" means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
7. "CCPPH" means the Recipient's Center for Centralized Public Procurement in Health, or its successor acceptable to the Association.
8. "COVAX Facility" means the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access Facility, a mechanism through which demand and resources are pooled to support the availability of, and equitable access to, COVID-19 vaccines for all economies, and which is coordinated by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), and the WHO.
9. "COVID-19" means the coronavirus disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).

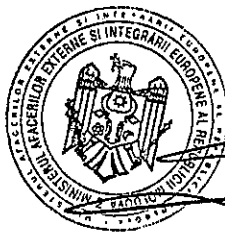
10. "Environmental and Social Commitment Plan" or "ESCP" means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated March 12, 2021, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, which sets out the material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any environmental and social instruments to be prepared thereunder.
11. "Environmental and Social Management Framework" or "ESMF" means the same framework prepared for the Original Project and to be prepared, disclosed, consulted upon and adopted for the purposes of this Additional Financing pursuant to Section 4.01 of this Agreement and Section 1.2 of the ESCP, satisfactory to the Association, setting out the principles, rules, guidelines and procedures to screen and assess the potential adverse environmental and social risks and impacts (including health and safety issues) of Project activities, adopt measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset environmental and social adverse risks and impacts, procedural, budget and institutional arrangements and actions needed to implement these measures, and information on the agency or agencies responsible for addressing the Projects' risks and impacts; as well as for the preparation of environmental and social impact assessment/environmental and social management plans, as such framework may be amended by the Recipient from time to time, with the prior written agreement of the Association. The updated ESMF will include, inter alia, templates for the Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan (ICWMP); requirements related to the surveillance of adverse events following immunization; and provisions for the vaccine cold management.
12. "Environmental and Social Standards" or "ESSs" means, collectively: (i) "Environmental and Social Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts"; (ii) "Environmental and Social Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions"; (iii) "Environmental and Social Standard 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management"; (iv) "Environmental and Social Standard 4: Community Health and Safety"; (v) "Environmental and Social Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement"; (vi) "Environmental and Social Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources"; (vii) "Environmental and Social Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities"; (viii) "Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage"; (ix) "Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries"; and (x) "Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure", effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.
13. "General Conditions" means the "International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing", dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020).


14. "ICU" means intensive care unit.
15. "ICWMP" means Infection Control and Medical Waste Management Plan.
16. "MOHLSP" means the Recipient's Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection, or its successor acceptable to the Association.
17. "MPA Program" means the means the global emergency multiphase programmatic approach program designed to assist countries to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness.
18. "Operating Costs" means the reasonable incremental expenses incurred by the Recipient on account of Project implementation, including costs related to office equipment and supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, shipping costs, office rentals, communication and insurance costs, office administration costs, bank charges, utilities, transport costs, travel, per diem and supervision costs, but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient's civil service.
19. "Original Financing Agreement" means the Financing Agreement for the Moldova Emergency COVID-19 Project (6632-MD) between the Republic of Moldova and the International Development Association dated April 28, 2020.
20. "Original Project" means the Moldova Emergency COVID-19 Project (6632-MD) financed through the Original Financing Agreement.
21. "Personal Data" means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. An identifiable individual is one who can be identified by reasonable means, directly or indirectly, by reference to an attribute or combination of attributes within the data, or combination of the data with other available information. Attributes that can be used to identify an identifiable individual include, but are not limited to, name, identification number, location data, online identifier, metadata and factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of an individual.
22. "PIU" means the Project Implementation Unit referred to in Section I.A. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
23. "Procurement Regulations" means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020.
24. "Project COVID-19 Vaccine" means a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19, authorized by the Recipient's national regulatory authority for distribution, marketing and administration within the territory of the Recipient, and acquired or deployed under the Project; "Project COVID-19 Vaccines" means the plural thereof.

25. "Project Operational Manual" means the manual dated June 29, 2020, referred to in Section I.B of Schedule 2 to the Original Financing Agreement, as such manual may be amended by the Recipient from time to time, with the prior written approval of the Association.
26. "Stakeholder Engagement Plan" or "SEP" means the same plan prepared for the Original Project, referred to in Article IV, Section 4.01 to this Agreement, and to be updated, disclosed, consulted upon and adopted for the Project, as set out in the ESCP, in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards.
27. "Signature Date" means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to "the date of the Financing Agreement" in the General Conditions.
28. "Stringent Regulatory Authority" means a National Regulatory Authority ("NRA") that is classified by WHO as a Stringent Regulatory Authority.
29. "Training" means the reasonable costs associated with training under the Project, as agreed between the Recipient and the Association, and attributable to study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops and other training activities, not included under service providers' contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel, accommodation and per diem costs of trainees and trainers, trainers' fees, and other training related miscellaneous costs.
30. "Vaccine Approval Criteria" means that the Project COVID-19 Vaccine: (a) has received regular or emergency licensure or authorization from at least one of the Stringent Regulatory Authorities identified by WHO for vaccines procured and/or supplied under the COVAX Facility, as may be amended from time to time by WHO; (b) has received the WHO Prequalification or WHO Emergency Use Listing; or (c) has met such other criteria as may be agreed in writing between the Recipient and the Association.
31. "Vaccine Delivery and Distribution Manual" means the Recipient's manual referred to in Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time with the Association's prior written approval.
32. "WHO" means World Health Organization.
33. "WHO Emergency Use Listing" means a risk-based procedure for assessing and listing by WHO of unlicensed vaccines, therapeutics, and in vitro diagnostics with the aim of expediting the availability of these products to people affected by a declared public health emergency.
34. "WHO Fair Allocation Framework" means the rules which govern the allocation of vaccines to participants in the COVAX Facility, as developed by WHO, subject to periodic review by the COVAX Facility.

35. "WHO Prequalification" means a service provided by WHO to assess the quality, safety, and efficacy of medical products for priority diseases, and which are intended for United Nations and international procurement to developing countries.

Prin prezenta confirm că textul alăturat este o copie autentică a Acordului de finanțare dintre Republica Moldova și Asociația Internațională pentru Dezvoltare privind Proiectul "Răspuns de Urgență la COVID-19-finanțare adițională", semnat la Chișinău, la 9 august 2021, originalul căruia fiind depozitat la Arhiva Tratatelor a Ministerului Afacerilor Externe și Integrării Europene.




Dumitru SOCOLAN,
Director a.i. al Direcției Drept
Internațional a Ministerului Afacerilor
Externe și Integrării Europene