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Honorable Mr. President,  
Distinguished Ministers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me to hold a statement at the Third Conference of the Parties, which main goal is to coordinate efforts in order to minimize the global climate change in the third millennium.

I am representing the Republic of Moldova, a small country in Central Europe, with 4.5 mil. of inhabitants and its surface is of 34 thousand square kilometers. Frequent unfavorable natural phenomena, especially droughts, have essential influence on country's economy. The biological and aquatic equilibriums are violating, forests are destroying, the deficit of drinking water is increasing.

In our country the environmental protection is a priority. The Convention on Climate Change is a guide for the strengthening of legislative base of the state and for the elaboration of national action program for environment.

~~I will not dwell on our difficulties,~~ I have informed you about it during the previous Conference and now I would like to communicate that during this year we have achieved some progress in the implementation of the Convention. We have adopted eight Laws in the field of the environmental protection (~~Law on Environmental Protection, Law on~~



~~Ecological Expertise and Environmental Impact Assessment, The Land Code, The Water Code, The Forest Code and other). This year there were elaborated the following Laws: on Emissions, on Atmospheric Air Protection, on Ecological Tax, on Access to the Environmental Information; the Statement on Ecological Control of the Industry Enterprises that are Expected to be Privatized; on Privatization of the Environmental Dangerous Objects and other.~~

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A National Environmental Action Program is fulfilling with the World Bank, international organizations and some countries assistance. The international regional meeting of the National Environmental Action Program leaders have been at Chişinău, the capital city of the Republic of Moldova.

Local environmental programs at the regional level have been elaborated, which include the implementation of non-wasted technologies, reconstruction and replacement of purification equipment, decrease of fuel using at the expense of electric power plants, the prohibition of using of vehicles with toxic emissions. the ecological control organization on the roads, wastes utilization.

"The Program on energy development up to 2005" was elaborated where the especial attention is payed on the development of small energy, on using of non-traditional sources of energy.

The scientific institutes are investigating the Tendency of climate change on the regional level.

Our republic take part in the implementation of a regional project on droughts in the Eastern Europe. In common with the experts of the World Meteorological Organization has been elaborated a national project on combating droughts in the republic for the period 1998-2002. This year was held an international informational seminar dedicated to this problem and organized with the support of UNDP/Moldova and the Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Decertification, where have took part international experts.

A National Program for the implementation of the Convention for the Protection of Ozone Layer has been elaborated.

In the republic has been created organizational structures which are engaged in the problems of the Convention on the Climate Change. The National Commission for the implementation of the Convention on the Climate Change have been created. The project of financial assistance for the preparation of the First National Communication has been elaborated with the support of the GEF experts. We plan to present to the Secretariat of the Convention the first information on the inventory greenhouse gases in July 1998 and the first national communication - in October 1999. We would like to thanks GEF for the support of

the project elaboration and we hope in a future co-operation.

I would like to underline that we give a positive appreciation to the activity done by the Secretariat and the subsidiaries bodies. We would like to mentioned that the Secretariat of the Convention works very well and is always ready to provide support in developing our activities. Our experts with the support of the Secretariat take active part in the work of the subsidiaries bodies.

I would like to call all the countries for common action in order to elaborate and implement projects with goal in the decrease of greenhouse gases emissions. We consider that the application of a efficient mechanism for the support of the projects on climate change and transfer of technologies to the developing countries would contribute to the real implementation of the provisions of the Convention. An international program for the staff education, for the organization of an exchange of experience in the field of the project implementation, scientific researches in the climate change.

Mr. President,

Our Government manifests its serious anxiety for the environmental protection. It is our strong believe that the adoption of a Protocol or another legal instrument would promote the fulfilling of the main goal of the Convention – for the stabilization of the greenhouse gases emissions. We belive that the implementation of a legal instrument is on the right way.

Thank you