

Delegation of the Republic of Moldova

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Mr. Chairman,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you Ambassador Vladimír Galuška, as chairperson of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and wishing a successful outcome of this significant high-level segment.

This high level meeting is a step ahead on the way to the upcoming United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem, including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem and further promoting our comprehensive response, based on human rights approach, to illicit drugs that pose a major threat to public health, security, political stability, environment, economic livelihood and numerous other areas of society.

At the same time, the UNGASS represents a unique opportunity to reaffirm our determination to tackle drug problem and to vigorously promote a society free of drug abuse where people can live in health, dignity, security and prosperity.

There is no doubt that important progress has been made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action, but we cannot be satisfied with these achievements. We strongly believe that the UNGASS is crucial for identifying adequate solutions and new approaches in order to counter world drug problem on both regional and national levels, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments.

We strongly believe that a proper evaluation should take into consideration the full respect for human rights, the comprehensive, integrated and balanced approach and the active role of civil society in countering the world drug problem which is complex and multifaceted.

The respect for human rights and rule of law is of a paramount importance for the Government of the Republic of Moldova. The Republic of Moldova is opposed to the use of any measures which may affect the human rights.

The Moldovan Government undertake comprehensive studies of the extent and nature on the drug problem in our country in order to adjust the treatment facilities to all drug users and make available a system of rehabilitation of all drug addicted people.

We promote the rational use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical treatment in line with the pertinent recommendations by World Health Organisation (WHO) and International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), including those contained in the INCB Report on “Availability of Internationally Controlled Drugs: Ensuring Adequate Access for Medical and Scientific Purposes”.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova strengthens its awareness-raising efforts to address drug abuse treatment, rehabilitation and referral services as well as still spread stigma attached to HIV/AIDS - positive people. At the same time, we make efforts to provide drug abuse treatment, rehabilitation and referral services for people who inject drugs and to expand testing for HIV/AIDS services.

We underline our efforts to effectively coordinate all drug control activities at the national level and play an active role in drug control at the regional and international levels. In this context, the Government of the Republic of Moldova strengthens and expands its law enforcement capacity specialized in detection and control to prevent trafficking of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals into and through Moldova.

The Republic of Moldova is firmly committed to reinforcing international cooperation to combat organised crime, including money laundering originated from drug trafficking and corruption as well as other criminal activities.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.