**The Republic of Moldova**

**Contribution to the UN Secretary General's report on the implementation of resolution 77/27 with the generic "Sport as an enabler of sustainable development"**

By means of this communication, we refer to the notification from the UN Secretariat of January 2, 2023, concerning the presentation of the report on actions and initiatives undertaken or planned from January 2022 through February 2024 for the implementation of the provisions of UN General Assembly Resolution No.77/27 entitled “*Sport as an enabler of sustainable development*”, the Ministry of Education and Research with this communicates the following.

In this context, we mention that a series of provisions were implemented in performance and mass sports during this period.

In performance sports, the following were achieved:

1. Government Decision regarding the amendment of Government Decision No.639/2014 for the approval of the Regulation regarding the establishment and payment of monthly scholarships to performance athletes.

2. Government Decision No.22/2023 for the approval of the Regulation regarding the financing mechanism of performance sports according to distinct criteria.

3. Government Decision nr.358/2023 regarding the approval of the amount of the prizes for the performances achieved at the IIIrd edition of the European Games in 2023, in Krakow-Malopolska, Poland.

In mass sports, the following were achieved:

1. The Vth and VIth editions of the “European Sports Week” were held in September. A sports event aimed at promoting sports and physical activity throughout Europe.

2. The National Military-Sport Patriotic Competition “Cupa Eroilor”(Heroes Cup), XVIth edition dedicated to the Heroes fallen in the war for the defense of the territorial integrity and independence of the Republic of Moldova (annually, February).

3. “Cupa Memoriei 1986” (The Memorial Cup 1986) in football, a competition to commemorate the victims of the Chernobyl disaster (annually, June).

4. Mini-football tournament between ministries, diplomatic missions, and international organizations accredited in the Republic of Moldova, dedicated to “Europe Day” and “Sports Day” (annually, May).

5. Olympic Fest Festival, the celebration of sports for all takes place on the third Saturday of May and marks Sports Day and Olympic Movement Day.

6. The Republican mini-football tournament “Guguță”, XVIIth and XVIIIth editions, dedicated to International Children’s Day and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle. With the slogan “NO to alcohol consumption! NO to drug use!” (reserved for boys aged 11-12).

7. The “Speranța” (Hope) Republican tournament, VIth and VIIth editions (reserved for girls aged 11-13). The “Speranța” mini-football tournament aims to popularize football practice, promote a healthy lifestyle among children, and stimulate extracurricular activities in general education institutions in the country and has been organized annually, since 2016, in four stages: local, district, regional, and republican levels.

8. The Republican Football Championship “Cupa Guvernului” (Government Cup) (October), represents an important event in the sports life of students in the Republic of Moldova. The competition contributes to the development of youth football in the country and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle among children.

9. The Christmas Marathon, a costumed race for the whole family, aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle, but also fun for friends and family.

10. The National Festival of Movement Games in memory of A.Ghimp, VIIIth and IXth editions (January). The competitions contribute to the popularization of movement games and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle among children, as well as to the stimulation of motivation to practice sports activities with an active character.

11. The National “Pre-University Volleyball, Basketball, and Mini-Football League” (annually, February-May). The competitions aim to popularize the practice of volleyball, basketball, and football, promote a healthy lifestyle among children, and stimulate extracurricular activities in general education institutions in the country.

12. The National Festival of Sports Trials (Basketball, Volleyball, Rugby, Handball) (annually, April). The competitions are organized to support young talents and promote a healthy lifestyle.

13**.** The National Festival “Sports Family”(annually, May)is organized by the Republican Center for Children and Youth ARTICO and aims to promote and cultivate a healthy lifestyle in the family and society and raise awareness of the importance of physical exercise for health and health promotion.

14. The International Movement Games Festival (U-18, annually, May). The purpose of the event is to develop the skills of systematic physical exercise, popularize a healthy lifestyle, and develop school sports.

Currently, we are in the process of national approval of the National Sports Development Strategy and negotiating the Cooperation Protocol in the field of sports between the Republic of Moldova and Romania.

Also, according to General Objective No.10. *Ensuring a healthy and safe environment*, and (5) *Prioritized policy directions and interventions*, point 48 of the National Development Strategy “European Moldova 2023” approved by Law No.315/2022, we will improve the policy framework for the development of physical culture and sports, including mass and performance sports.