

PROTOCOL

of the fourth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Committee on Economic, Technological and Scientific Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic

(Chişinău, May 12th, 2023)

The fourth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Committee on Economic, Technological and Scientific Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic was held in Chişinău on May 12, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on Economic, Technological and Scientific Cooperation”, signed on March 23, 1998 in Athens.

The Moldovan delegation was headed by Mr. Vadim GUMENE, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova, Co-chair of the Moldovan Side of the Committee.

The Hellenic delegation was headed by Mr. Konstantinos FRAGKOGIANNIS, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economic Diplomacy and Openness, Co-chair of the Hellenic Side of the Committee.

The lists of both Delegations are attached to this Protocol (Annexes I and II).

Both Co-chairs of the Committee welcomed the fourth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Committee, convened in an atmosphere of friendship, cordiality and mutual understanding, reflecting the desire and determination of both countries to seek fruitful ways for further developing and intensifying bilateral relations in different sectors of their economies.

Both Sides informed each other about the current economic situation in the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic, and of the implementation of provisions stated in the Protocol of the third meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Committee and expressed satisfaction with the results achieved.

The necessity to further enhance and diversify the economic ties and promote investments and trade through an intensive and continuous bilateral dialogue on economic issues of regional and global importance on the basis of mutual interest was also pointed out.

Any activities within the framework of this Protocol will be carried out in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the countries of the two Sides, as well as with the relevant Agreements to which both countries are parties, as well as the Hellenic Republic's obligations arising from its membership of the European Union.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Both Sides approved the Agenda, attached as Annex III of the Protocol.

2. Bilateral economic, trade and investment cooperation

The two Sides exchanged information on the current economic relations between the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic.

Both Sides exchanged information on the current economic situation, outlining the general economic development of the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic.

Both delegations highlighted the significant contribution of the business environment in the economic development of each country. Acknowledging that foreign direct investments have a vital role for economic growth, both Sides reviewed the bilateral trade and investment development and expressed their common desire to strengthen their business interaction in multiple areas within the framework of an effective, strategic and mutually advantageous dialogue.

The Moldovan side proposed to enhance the cooperation and exchange of institutional experience between the Invest Moldova Agency and the relevant interested Agencies from the Hellenic Republic.

In this context, both Sides expressed their satisfaction for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Enterprise Greece and Invest Moldova Agency which aims a) to strengthen links and connections between the two agencies in the field of investment promotion and facilitation; to create and expand networking opportunities; to promote investment opportunities and projects available in both countries; and b) to facilitate transfer of technology and know-how in order to assist sustainable development in the field of investment promotion and facilitation.

Both Sides expressed their interest in exchange of experience and collaboration in the development and implementation of Public-Private Partnership schemes in the field of local and regional development.

According to the Public Services Agency of Republic of Moldova, at the end of 2022 in Republic of Moldova 88 companies were registered at the Hellenic Republic. According to the value of invested capital, the Hellenic Republic is at the 19th place among the main investors of the Republic of Moldova.

The Committee assessed that the trade and investment potential between the two countries is larger than the current and recommended taking active measures to create favorable conditions for the bilateral trade and investment interaction and flows, including:

- Organization of trade missions, B2B events, business fora, fairs, exhibitions, workshops supporting bilateral and regional cooperation between Moldovan and Hellenic entrepreneurs,
- Exchange of experience and information in the field of trade, investment conditions and entrepreneurship,
- Support programs for foreign entrepreneurs.
- Specialized events for the local and regional business communities in order to introduce the economy, business environment, cooperation and investment opportunities in each country.

Small and Medium Sized Enterprises:

Both Sides underlined the importance of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) for the economy, taking into account their contribution in growth, new jobs creation and social cohesion and agreed to strengthen their cooperation in this field. Such cooperation could include the exchange of information, know-how and best practices between enterprises, research centers and public entities in the area of SMEs support policies, as well as the promotion of networking among entrepreneurs, with emphasis on innovation and internationalization in order to improve SMEs competitiveness and enhance their access to international markets.

The Moldovan side emphasized the importance of continuing bilateral cooperation in the SMEs development area, by offering exchange of good practices, with relevant organizations from the Hellenic Republic and study visits for Moldovan entrepreneurs and employees of the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development. The Moldovan Side proposed to develop a strong dialogue between the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development and its counterpart from the Hellenic Republic on establishing a sustainable and innovation-oriented small and medium-sized business sector and exchanging of best practices related to supporting local SMEs to develop and to prepare a country strategy for accessing the European market.

The Hellenic side took note of the above-mentioned Moldovan proposal and conveyed that the competent Authority for SMEs in the Hellenic Republic is the General Secretariat for Industry of the Ministry of Development and Investments, which shall be informed accordingly.

Industrial cooperation:

The two Sides, wishing to achieve economic development, recognized the importance and mutual benefit deriving from their cooperation in the industrial field and expressed their readiness to develop and strengthen such cooperation, through the encouragement of entrepreneurship, the promotion of business cooperation in various manufacturing sectors of common interest, the enhancement of internationalization, with a focus on innovation and sustainable industrial development, as well as the aim to take advantage of investment opportunities.

Both Sides expressed their interest in deepening collaboration in the fields of IT and digital economy, through the exchange of best practices.

Additionally, the Moldovan Side encouraged the participation of Hellenic companies from the IT sector in the activity of the virtual IT park in the Republic of Moldova, "Moldova IT Park", and invited them to consider the possibility of becoming its residents.

2.1 Quality infrastructure

The two Sides, wishing to create favorable conditions for the development of bilateral technological cooperation, aiming to facilitate bilateral commercial transactions, to establish closer economic relations, to eliminate technical barriers and to develop "quality policies" within the manufacturing sector, agreed to broaden the cooperation between the two countries in the field of quality infrastructure, in particular in Standardization, Accreditation and Metrology. The cooperation may include the exchange of good practices and information on technical legislation issues and standards, as well as the provision of expertise and know-how on business innovation issues.

The Hellenic side, through the respective Public Institutions and Bodies, may also provide to the Moldovan side any required information and support about the EU *Aquis* and the harmonized European Union legislation for industrial products.

Considering institutional reforms that took place in the quality infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova, both Sides agreed to explore ways to broaden their scientific cooperation in other fields of "Quality Infrastructure", such as Accreditation, Metrology, Laboratory Testing and Conformity Assessment, through the exchange of best practices, as well as information on technical legislation issues and regulations.

2.2 Intellectual property protection

Moldovan-Hellenic cooperation relations in the field of intellectual property are carried out on the basis of agreements and international and regional treaties in the field to which both States are parties, including within the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Both Sides reinforced their commitment to extend cooperation and share experience in the field of intellectual property protection. This will be achieved by expanding the provisions of the bilateral Agreements in force between the State Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Copyright Organization, as well as the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI) on behalf of the Hellenic Republic, in order to include the cooperation in the field of copyright and related rights as well as industrial property rights.

3. Cooperation in various areas

3.1. Agriculture and rural environment

Both Sides recognized that agriculture is an important sector which provides new opportunities for cooperation to the mutual benefit of both the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Moldova. Therefore, both sides expressed their will to further develop bilateral trade of agri-food products through efforts to increase the volume of trade flows and to expand trade in more product categories.

Both Sides proposed to develop the cooperation between the competent Authorities from both countries in the field of control and certification of organic farming.

The Moldovan Side expressed its interest in initiating and developing cooperation activities, as follows:

- Scientific research internships;
- Academic mobility programs between students of agricultural and technological specialties;
- Exchange of technical-scientific information;
- Exchange of information and experience regarding the control process in the wine field;
- Cooperation between the Practical Scientific Institute of Biotechnologies in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine from the Republic of Moldova with similar institutes in the following segments:
a) the exchange of technical-scientific information and scientific experience; b) research aspects and results in animal husbandry, biotechnologies, etc.

Both Sides agreed to explore the possibilities of promoting cooperation between research institutes of the two countries, in the fields of agricultural research and development.

In this context, the Greek side informed the Moldovan side of the readiness of the Benaki Phytopathological Institute (BPI) to cooperate with its Moldovan counterparts in its areas of expertise, namely in the field of plant pathology, entomology, and weed science as well as in the field of pesticides' chemistry/toxicology/environmental fate and risk assessment of pesticides and biocides.

Furthermore, the Hellenic Agricultural Organization - DIMITRA (ELGO-DIMITRA), expressed interest in cooperation with Moldovan Research Institutes on the exchange of technical-scientific expertise in the fields of conservation and utilization of genetic material, plant protection and pest control, greenhouse cultivation, livestock production/veterinary research, aquaculture, forestry and environmental protection, soil water resources management, food quality and safety, processing, preservation and quality control of agricultural products.

The cooperation between research institutes shall be implemented through exchange of scientific and technical information, exchange of visits of experts and consultants, organization of training programs, seminars, conferences, and meetings in either of the two countries.

The Moldovan Side expressed its interest in cooperating in fields of rural development, animal husbandry and land improvements, as follows:

- Rural development, including the LEADER approach;
- Initiating and implementing mutually beneficial projects in the animal husbandry (sheep/goats), through the exchange of valuable genetic material and the import of live animals for reproduction;
- Exchange of good practices in the field of water resource management (use of water for irrigation, water treatment).

Moreover, the Moldovan side expressed its interest in signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Rural

Development and Food of the Hellenic Republic for cooperation in the field of agriculture. In this context, the Greek side expressed its readiness to begin the process in the immediate future.

3.2. Finance and customs

The two Sides agreed to enhance their customs cooperation on the subjects provided for by the EU-Moldova Association Agreement, especially those related to trade facilitation, anti-fraud activity and the exchange of experience.

The Moldovan Side expressed its interest in intensifying the collaboration with the Hellenic Side in the fiscal sector.

3.3 Energy

Natural Gas

The energy crisis, which has been particularly harmful to all countries, revealed the urgent need for solidarity and coordinated actions in order to guarantee security of energy supply and to tackle the unprecedented increase of gas prices.

The two Sides noted their common objectives with regard to deepening the integration of the European energy market as well as to enhancing energy security through greater diversification of sources and routes of natural gas supply sources and routes for the European Union and the Parties to the Energy Community in Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe. Developing regional interconnections, in particular in the context of the Vertical Corridor, has significant regional added value.

The two Sides acknowledged that further development and expansion of transmission infrastructure is required in order to guarantee the availability of sufficient capacities that are necessary to accommodate increasing natural gas volumes from alternative sources, promoting regional interconnectivity enabling access to existing and planned LNG terminals in Greece. The two Sides agreed to cooperate in the natural gas sector through the exchange of expertise between their respective natural gas companies with a view to promoting open and transparent markets in line with the Energy Community Treaty and promote contacts amongst their respective business communities and public undertakings.

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Both Sides expressed their interest in cooperating in the field of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, hence expressing their willingness to:

- a) strengthen the links between professional associations, industrials and investors in the energy sector of both countries;
- b) encourage their companies and agencies to cooperate in the field of energy.

In this respect, the Hellenic side expressed its interest in ongoing and future projects in Moldova concerning renewable energy sources, tapping upon its know-how and established expertise in various fields of Renewable Energy Sources. In this context, the Greek Side informed that the Hellenic Center for Renewable Energy Sources (CRES) is willing to strengthen its bilateral cooperation with its Moldovan counterparts with the aim of developing common actions in the energy field with specific reference to Renewable Energy Sources (RES), energy saving and energy efficiency (EE).

Cooperation can be implemented through the following fields of activities initiatives, encouraging technological and scientific dimension as well as innovation through pilot projects:

- Energy policy and Planning: policy implementation in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy fields;
- Renewable Energies Sources (Solar, thermal, P/V, Biomass energy, Biofuels, Wind energy);
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings, through the implementation of energy efficiency projects in residential areas and public buildings; Assessment of Energy Efficiency in buildings and identification/implementation of pilot demonstration projects;
- Energy efficiency in the Transport sector;
- Exchange of information regarding the legal and regulatory framework in the areas of renewable energy and energy efficiency;
- Exchange of information/cooperation on:
 - promotion of energy labeling on energy-related products;
 - promotion of district heating system in urban areas;
 - promotion of the concept of local energy autonomy;
- Exchange of information on energy projects planning with the aim to create opportunities for investment in both countries;
- Assessment of Renewable Energy: estimation of physical and technical resource potential, economic analysis and market potential;
- Strategic planning for Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency;
- Capacity Building programs;
- Conferences, workshops and other activities with the aim of experience exchange on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The Moldovan Side expressed its interest in expanding cooperation in the field of green energy, especially the use of solar photovoltaic systems (panels).

3.4 Infrastructure and regional development

The two Sides agreed to continue cooperation in the following fields of urban, peri urban, rural and regional development of transport, infrastructure, water supply and sanitation, and waste management projects.

Road Transport

The two Sides have confirmed their interest in the continuation of the development of freight transport between the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic, as well as in exchanging best practices between the respective road transport Authorities as well as in the realization of specific projects related to road transport.

Aviation

Both sides took note of the longstanding bilateral aviation relations and expressed their desire to further enhance their cooperation. Both sides welcomed the entry into force of the "Common Aviation Area Agreement between European Union and its member states and the Republic of Moldova" which integrates the respective aviation markets, strengthens cooperation and offers new opportunities for consumers and airlines on an ongoing basis.

Sea Transport

The two Sides have recognized sea transport as an additional prospective area of cooperation.

The two Sides have discussed the potential for cooperation between seaports in the Hellenic Republic and the Moldovan Port of Giurgiulești.

Urban Development

Both Sides agreed that the existing cooperation in the area of regional and urban development will be continued in the coming years.

The Moldovan side expressed its interest in cooperating in the fields of urbanism, spatial planning, architecture, construction and housing, as follows:

- Exchange of experience and expert cooperation regarding the development of urban master plans, expertise of projects in the field of urban planning and monitoring the implementation of the approved urban master plans;
- Exchange of experience and expert cooperation regarding the development of landscape planning documentation, in particular, regarding the National Territorial Plan of the Republic of Moldova, expertise and validation of the projects;
- Exchange of experience and collaboration between the respective national Geoinformation Infrastructure of the two countries (future development, online services and good practices);
- Exchange of experience and collaboration in the development of technical regulations and the implementation of construction standards (Eurocodes) especially Eurocode Nr.8 "Design of structures for earthquake resistance" and the development of national Annexes;
- Exchange of experience in the attestation/certification of specialists in the field constructions such as architects and urban planners, designers, technical managers and managers;
- Exchange of experience regarding natural risk areas and specific measures regarding risk prevention and mitigation, land use and construction in these areas, of resilience and adaptation to climate change, in particular, exchange of experience in reducing seismic risk in construction, technical expertise and strengthening of buildings with seismic risk, as well as strengthening the regulatory framework in construction in this regard;
- Exchange of experience regarding the rehabilitation of the multi-storey housing stock;
- Exchange of experience regarding the methods of administration of the multi-storey housing stock (condominium system);
- Exchange of experience regarding the development of housing insurance programs for socially vulnerable people;
- Exchange of experience in development, approval, digitization and implementation of territorial and urban planning documentation;
- Exchange of experience and the organization of trainings regarding the implementation of the good practices in design, execution, maintenance, behavior tracking in exploitation of constructions and dismantling (demolition) of degraded constructions;
- Study visits for familiarizing with modern objects built or under construction;
- Cooperation and exchange of experience in the field of water management and solid waste management;
- Initiating negotiations regarding the Collaboration Agreement in the field to the development of the construction sector (support in the development of green buildings, technology and innovation, energy efficiency, intelligent design - BIM (Business Information Modeling) technologies;
- Exchange of experience and collaboration in the development of technical regulations for the design and development of networks in the localities of the Republic of Moldova of the charging stations for electric transport, smart parking lots (Smart Parking);
- Rehabilitation/modernization of public lighting systems in Moldovan municipalities;
- Cooperation and exchange of experiences for the development of active mobility networks

3.5 Telecommunications and cybersecurity

The two Sides expressed their interest in the exchange of best practices and expertise, as well as collaboration in the areas of:

- Postal services and electronic communications;
- Cybersecurity policies, systems and standards;

- Potential cyber threats and events that indicate planned cyber-attacks on economic sectors, as well as the public sector, including cooperation between national cyber incident response teams;
- Implementation of international standards for responsible behavior and confidence in building security measures in cyberspace;
- Joint cybersecurity projects;
- Capacity building programs through education, training, research and development and general information sharing in the field of cybersecurity.

The implementation of the above-mentioned cooperation will be possible through meetings, study visits, workshops and trainings, and optionally as part of a project dedicated to digitization.

3.6 Environmental protection

The two Sides acknowledged the untapped potential for co-operation in the field of environmental protection, in particular, regarding waste management.

The Moldovan side highlighted the opportunities for know-how transfer in the field of environment in the following areas:

- Implementation of national monitoring and evaluation system for climate change adaptation;
- Establishment of an integrated information system with several climate change databases (one-stop shop);
- Development and approval at the national level of the Climate Risk Assessment Methodology;
- Institutional capacity development;
- Development of institutional and legislative framework for biodiversity conservation;
- Development of institutional and legislative framework for adaptation to climate change;
- Digitization of the State Subsoil Information Fund and creation of digital databases of geological information;
- Creation of the National Air Quality Monitoring Network.

The Moldovan side expressed its interest in Hellenic's expertise in ecological rehabilitation, especially expanding forests.

3.7 Health

The two Sides expressed their appreciation for the continuous cooperation between the Ministries of Health and the medical institutions of both countries. They marked the common interest to expand further this cooperation, in particular, through the exchange of experience and training of personnel in medical and pharmaceutical fields, in healthcare and medical sciences, which is also facilitated by the activities of the World Health Organization.

Both Sides expressed satisfaction on the implementation of the Fetal Medicine Programme 2022-2025 after signing in 2022 the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova and the Fetal Medicine Foundation, London. Both underlined the importance of this programme, aiming at promoting specialized care for pregnant women in the Republic of Moldova thus reducing maternal and perinatal mortality and morbidity. The establishment of the Fetal Medicine Unit, as foreseen in the MoU, within the structure of the National Health Care System at the Mother and Child Health Institute in Chisinau for free care of all women of the country is of great importance.

3.8 Research and innovation

The two Sides have reached the following understanding:

Both sides stressed the importance of scientific research and innovation for competitiveness and sustainable growth of their economies and societies, highlighting the potential for cooperation to the mutual benefit, in accordance with their national legislation.

Both sides shall encourage and support the development of partnerships in the fields of scientific research between funding agencies, research centers and other institutions and organizations engaged in scientific research.

Both sides shall encourage joint research through projects in mutually agreed fields of science and research.

Both sides shall encourage joint use of research and development facilities and scientific equipment, including mutual access to unique equipment, based on the principal of reciprocity and according to the domestic legislation of both countries.

Both sides shall encourage the establishment of joint ventures, joint laboratories, centers of excellence and other organizations in priority areas of scientific development.

Furthermore, both sides expressed their shared interest in cooperating in the following relevant areas:

- Exchange of good practices with reference to the evaluation of organizations in the fields of research and innovation;
- Exchange of doctoral students and research staff with research centers;
- Joint projects between the scientific community and representatives of the business environment.

The Greek side highlighted the significance of startups as a driver for innovation and economic growth and informed about the National Startup Registry “Elevate Greece, an initiative launched in October 2020 by the Ministry of Development and Investments of the Hellenic Republic and the General Secretariat of Research and Innovation (GSRI), serving as the official digital gateway for startups in Greece. The main goal of Elevate Greece is the establishment of a dynamic startup ecosystem that enables networking and matchmaking among actors, attracts local and global investors, while also enabling the Greek state to implement tailor-made measures for the ecosystem.

The two Sides expressed their interest in technological and scientific cooperation based on direct Agreements between their research and innovation organizations, in particular through facilitating the access to records and documents, the exchange of experience in archive science, the publication of collective works, exchanging publications, and the dissemination of accurate information in connection with the history of both countries.

Furthermore, the two Sides expressed their interest in strengthening the cooperation in the fields of science and innovation by joint participation in international programs such as Horizon Europe. Also, the Committee pointed out the need to strengthen the smart specialization, technology transfer and innovative capacities in each country, by attracting joint organizational and financial resources for the projects on Smart Specialization priority areas and by developing the support mechanisms of the science-business collaboration.

3.9 Tourism

The two Sides noted the worldwide importance of the growing influence of the tourism sector.

Both sides welcome the signing of the Joint Action Programme between the Ministry of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova for the period 2023-2025 in the field of tourism, to enhance bilateral cooperation, acknowledging the contribution of tourism to their economic development.

Both sides expressed their intention to conduct exchange of good practices in reshaping the tourism sector through elaboration of national strategies and related actions, especially in the field of wine and

gastronomy related tourism, religious tourism, health and wellness tourism, and green and digital transition of the tourism ecosystem.

Both sides agreed to also exchange documentation on legislation and data on sustainability in the field of tourism.

3.10 Interregional cooperation

The Moldovan Side proposed to intensify the interregional cooperation between Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic in the field of economic, scientific, technical, cultural and tourism spheres.

Regarding the investment in regions, the Moldovan Side launched the discussion concerning the possibility to intensify the bilateral interregional cooperation, by providing mutual access to quality information and creating an information space, which will facilitate the exchange of experience concerning the introduction of business practices in the region between representatives of Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic, as well as by discussing best practices in attracting foreign direct investments.

The Moldovan Side showed its interest in expanding interregional cooperation in the following areas:

- Joint activities and exchange of experience in the field of startup development and internationalization of companies;
- Establishing cooperation between business incubation centers in order to exchange experience in the field of business development and support for entrepreneurs;
- Participation in scheduled fora and conferences in the regions of both countries;
- Informing and organizing the participation of interested economic agents in regional economic events and exhibitions;
- Exchange of experience between regional institutions in the field of souvenir product development and methods of its certification, responsible for both the high quality of raw materials and performing skills, and for reflecting traditional cultural conformity;
- Cooperation and dialogue between regional wine companies developing in wine tourism, both sides for the exchange of experience in the conduct of this industry through training seminars, workshops, conferences, participation in the activities of wine associations;
- Exchange of information on tourism resources and promotional materials to promote the tourist product of both sides through the interaction of regional tourist information centers.

Both sides acknowledged the importance of making use of all the available institutional tools (networks, protocols) among local and regional Authorities and their Associations in order to support the aims of the interregional cooperation.

3.11 Other sectors of shared interest

The two Sides expressed their interest to strengthen their cooperation in the fields of education, science and culture on the basis of mutual benefit. Therefore, the two Sides agreed for further discussions on the matter within the context of the respective bilateral Agreement between the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Moldova for cooperation in the fields of Culture, Education and Science, signed in 12.06.2007.

Both sides, the General Directorate for Development and Humanitarian Aid (HELLENIC AID), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and Foreign Assistance Department, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova expressed interest in initiating dialogue and cooperation in the area of development cooperation, exchange of experience and know-how, as well as in the implementation of development cooperation projects in Moldova.

The Moldovan side is interested, through dialogue, in leveraging the rich experience acquired by the Greek side, given the latter's worldwide Hellenes' presence, in areas such as attracting diaspora investments in the country of origin and assisting, by means of incentives, the reintegration of those diaspora members returning back home.

The Moldovan side expressed its interest in cooperation in the field of sports science, sports medicine and anti-doping control as well as in the field of social protection.

4. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Committee

Both Sides agreed to hold the fifth session of the Joint Intergovernmental Committee on Economic, Technological and Scientific Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and the Hellenic Republic in Athens at a date to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

Done in Chisinau on May 12th, 2023, in two originals in English.

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