

**Statement by the Republic of Moldova at the 156th Executive Board Session of
the World Health Organization
Agenda Item 22: Draft Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health**

Honourable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The Republic of Moldova commends WHO for its efforts in developing the Draft Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health (2025–2028), which provides a comprehensive and results-based approach to addressing the health impacts of climate change.

Moldova aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union and would like to speak in national capacity.

Like all countries, Moldova is increasingly affected by climate change, with severe consequences for public health. Over the past two decades, we have witnessed a rise in the frequency and duration of heatwaves, exacerbating cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases. Extreme weather events, including floods and droughts, pose additional challenges to health systems, food security, and water safety.

Recognizing these threats, Moldova has taken concrete steps to address climate-related health risks. The National Development Strategy "European Moldova 2030," adopted in 2023, identifies climate change as a national priority. Furthermore, the National Program for Adaptation to Climate Change until 2030, outlines targeted adaptation measures across six priority sectors, including health.

A key component of Moldova's approach is strengthening sector-specific surveillance systems, enhancing early warning and rapid response mechanisms for communicable diseases, and integrating climate risk information into the national Early Warning System. Effective implementation requires a multi-sectoral effort, involving other central public authorities such as the the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, as well as local public administrations in strengthening community resilience.

Moldova believes that WHO plays an essential role in offering guidance for national authorities in developing and implementing adaptation measures. The role of the health workforce in promoting sustainable behaviour and health consciousness is

crucial, as emphasized under Objective C of the Plan. Capacity-building initiatives for health professionals should be prioritized to enhance their ability to communicate the health co-benefits of mitigation and adaptation actions and to act as community leaders in resilience-building efforts.

In this regard, the Republic of Moldova supports further consultations on the Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health (2025–2028). We remain committed to its implementation and call upon all Member States to work collectively to ensure effective action because the effects of climate change cross all borders.

I thank you for your attention.