

**NINETEENTH AMENDMENT**

TO THE

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR

SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH ROOTED IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

**USAID Grant Agreement 117-0002-EG-DOAG**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Government of the Republic of Moldova,  
represented by the Prime Minister (hereinafter referred to as the “Grantee”)

AND

The Government of the United States of America,  
acting through the United States Agency for International Development (“USAID”)

1. Purpose of the Amendment

This nineteenth amendment (the “Nineteenth Amendment”) to the USAID Development Objective Grant Agreement for Sustainable Economic Growth Rooted in European Integration, dated September 28, 2016 (as amended, the “Agreement”), is hereby entered into between USAID and the Grantee (together, the “Parties”) in order to amend: Article 3, Contributions of the Parties; Annex 1: Financial Plan; and Annex 2: Amplified Description.

2. Contributions of the Parties

Article 3, Section 3.1, paragraph (a), “The Grant,” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

(a) The Grant. To help achieve the Objective set forth in this Agreement, USAID, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, hereby grants to the Grantee under the terms and conditions of the Agreement an additional amount of Eighty Million, (“U.S.”) Dollars (\$80,000,000), which brings the total funds granted to date under the Agreement to Five Hundred Twelve Million, Four Hundred and Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Seven U.S. Dollars (\$512,402,507.00) (the “Grant”).

3. Financial Plan

The Development Objective Grant Agreement 117-0002-EG-DOAG Financial Plan is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Financial Plan, attached hereto as Annex 1.

4. Amplified Description

Annex 2, Amplified Description is hereby changed as follows:

**Delete the following two paragraphs in their entirety:**

- The Moldova Financial Sector Transparency Activity supports economic growth and anti-corruption through improving the financial sector transparency, stability and soundness. The activity achieves this by further strengthening the capacity of the

National Bank of Moldova (NBM), the Moldova Central Securities Depository (CSD) and of the Moldova National Commission for Financial Markets (NCFM) to combat financial crimes, automate the monitoring of shareholder transparency, and fight systemic money laundering in the banking sector.

- The Moldova Energy Transition Activity advances the physical and market integration of Republic of Moldova's energy systems with Europe, according to the EU's Third Energy Package requirements, by supporting competitive power exchange development and facilitating Republic of Moldova's integration with neighboring energy systems, such as Romania and Ukraine.

**and replace with the following three paragraphs:**

- Additionally, MISRA will implement a range of targeted interventions, in close coordination with the Government of Moldova and international donors, focusing on construction and related technical assistance to enhance Moldova's trade and border crossing capacity. These activities include constructing extended parking areas for trucks near the border to facilitate Border Queuing Management, procuring equipment, and providing technical assistance for the development of the Berești multimodal logistics center.
- The Moldova Energy Security Activity will support Moldova's energy security, independence, and resilience by diversifying energy sources, improving energy infrastructure, and strengthening the legal and regulatory frameworks in the energy sector.
- The Connect for Growth (C4G) Activity will assist Moldova's energy sector institutions in market development, regulatory improvements, diversification, efficiency advancements, and enhancing system resilience.

**Delete the following paragraph in its entirety:**

- USAID will provide support to ship goods across Moldova's territory through the rehabilitation and construction of vital transportation and transshipment infrastructure in Moldova. The project will establish alternative routes and increased capacity for imports/exports to be shipped to/from countries of the EU. Activities include the procurement of small rail shunting locomotives and freight cars (wagons) to increase the capacity and speed to handle shipments; construction of extended parking places for trucks in the vicinity with the Moldova - Romania border to enable Border Queuing Management; purchase and installation of 3-4 mobile scanners (for trucks) at strategic transit points; focus on immediate-impact improvements at the Beresti dry port; and M-15 road rehabilitation and equipment (data exchange software, supervision cameras, informational billboards, and electronic seals) for the customs supervision of freight.

**and replace with the following two paragraphs:**

- The Cybersecurity Protection and Response Program aims to deliver targeted technical cybersecurity assistance and rapid response support to improve the cyber resilience of the

government and civilian agencies. This assistance includes cyber knowledge sharing, cyber skills training, and critical infrastructure operators to respond to, recover from, and protect against cyber attacks.

- USAID will support the development of improved transportation infrastructure for vehicles and people to enhance trade and economic cooperation between Ukraine and Moldova. USAID will work with the Government of Moldova to identify high-priority infrastructure projects and related technical assistance that will support Moldova's vital transportation and logistics infrastructure and facilitate improved transportation for vehicles and people to support trade and regional economic cooperation. For example USAID may assist the Government of Moldova in constructing the access road to the Cosăuți–Yampil bridge, including the border crossing point and associated infrastructure.

#### 5. Other Terms and Conditions

Except as amended herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Moldova, each acting through its Authorized Representatives, have caused this Nineteenth Amendment of the USAID Development Objective Grant Agreement for Sustainable Economic Growth Rooted in European Integration, to be signed and made effective as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BY:

NAME: Ali Ezzatyar

TITLE: Acting Mission Director USAID Moldova

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

BY:

NAME: Dorin Recean

TITLE: Prime Minister of the Government of Moldova

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Annex 1 to the Nineteenth Amendment to the Development Objective Grant Agreement  
(DOAG) 117-0002-EG-DOAG for Sustainable Economic Growth Rooted in European  
Integration

Financial Plan (U.S.dollars)

	<b>Previously Obligated</b>	<b>By this Amendment</b>	<b>Total Obligations to Date</b>
<b>Result 1: Access to the EU and other International Markets Increased</b>	<b>\$60,447,640.00</b>	<b>\$65,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$125,447,640.00</b>
Program Area: Private Sector Competitiveness	\$51,120,450.00	\$65,000,000.00	\$116,120,450.00
Program Area: Fiscal Policy	\$9,327,190.00	\$0.00	\$9,327,190.00
<b>Result 2: Competitiveness in Transformative Sectors Enhanced</b>	<b>\$141,473,697.00</b>	<b>\$15,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$156,473,697.00</b>
Program Area: Private Sector Competitiveness	\$141,473,697.00	\$15,000,000.00	\$156,473,697.00
<b>Special Objective (SpO): Energy Security Strengthened</b>	<b>\$220,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$220,000,000.00</b>
<b>Results 3: Regional Energy Integration Accelerated</b> <i>\$80,000,000 transferred to Ministry of Finance via World Bank Trust Fund. Please see EG amend no. 15</i>	\$220,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$220,000,000.00
Program Area: Modern Energy Services	\$220,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$220,000,000.00
<b>Program Support</b>	<b>\$10,481,170.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,481,170.00</b>
<b>Total Estimated Budget</b>	<b>\$432,402,507.00</b>	<b>\$80,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$512,402,507.00</b>