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Mrs. President,

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to join the previous speakers in commending you and other members of the Bureau for the able manner you have conducting this meeting.

We would also like to thank the Secretariat and the CEB for the reports submitted for the coordination segment of this ECOSOC session. These reports have certainly set the stage for the important discussions under the agenda item 4.

The review of the implementation of the 2008 ECOSOC Ministerial Declaration at the coordination segment provides an additional opportunity for the Council to assess progress and challenges in the field of sustainable development and to give additional guidance to the UN system on advancing implementation in the priority areas.

While there has been some progress on the economic and social pillars of sustainable development, greater efforts are still required on the environmental side. This is especially important in connection to the long-term sustainability issues of climate change. It is increasingly recognized that our past experiences in addressing global challenges may no longer serve our purpose because they do not include the added stress of climate change.

The report of Secretary General on the theme of the coordination segment clearly illustrates that the UN system already approaches the climate change as a sustainable development issue and many efforts have been made since last ECOSOC session with a view to address both adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change and greenhouse gas mitigation. The Republic of Moldova supports these specific efforts, particularly the UNEP-lead *Green Economy Initiative* and the related discussions on a *Global Green New Deal for Sustainable Development* which should ensure that the envisaged global stimulus is used to initiate investments for sustainable long term growth and socio-economic development for all.

It is in this context that we see the special value of the next round table discussion on the topic "*Towards a UN comprehensive response to the challenges of climate change*" and my delegation looks forward for its conclusions and recommendations. We would be also very interested to hear panelists' views on the initiative to establish a *task force agency* to provide technical and policy advisory services to interested member states on designing and implementing green economic programmes.

Mrs. President,

In addition to climate change, we are facing multiple crises concerning economy, the financial markets, food security, water, energy and biodiversity which clearly put much pressure on sustainable development, in general, and on *Internationally Agreed Development Goals* (IADGs), including the *Millennium Development Goals* (MDGs), in particular.

These crises have revealed, *inter alia*, the *extreme vulnerability of small, low and middle income countries*, one of which being my own, whose size and fragile economies and open markets have made them highly susceptible to external financial shocks and global economic recession.

Both the report of Secretary General on the theme of the coordination segment and last Friday's panel discussion highlighted the important role that the UN system has played in promoting sustainable development, particularly in the context of current challenges.

My delegation notes with appreciation the recommendations included in the report of Secretary General aimed at promoting implementation of the 2008 Ministerial Declaration in the areas of energy, climate change, water, agriculture and rural development, sustainable urbanization, social equality and institutions for sustainable development.

At the same time, in responding to the multiple crises, the Republic of Moldova looks to the UN system organizations to work together to develop a *joint global strategy and action plan*, covering various dimensions, globally, regionally and nationally. In this vane, we support the recent agreement of the *United Nations Chief Executive Board for Coordination* on nine *Joint Crisis Initiatives* and call for their swift development and implementation.

At this critical juncture, it is also imperative that the United Nations Funds and Specialised Agencies review, and if appropriate, to redirect their assistance, particularly to heavily affected low income countries, to mitigate and more effectively to respond to various crises. To this end, a proactive approach is also needed on behalf of the existing country-level instruments such as *United Nations Development Assistance Framework* (UNDAF) which have the capacity to track the impact of the crises at the country-level, to collect real-time information on their social effects and, consequently, to promote effective, timely coordination of multilateral responses and assistance.

Mrs. President,

The Republic of Moldova praises the continuing dialogue between the United Nations Chief Executive Board for Coordination (CEB) and the ECOSOC.

Interaction between the CEB and ECOSOC is essential if the latter is to play effectively its part in the coordination of the various funds, programmes and specialised agencies, particularly with a view to respond effectively to the above-mentioned challenges and to ensure the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2008/29).

It has been already observed that the difficult situation the world is facing currently provides us with a powerful reminder of the utmost importance of multilateralism. Today, more than ever, it is important to act in unity, in a coordinated, coherent and comprehensive way. The ECOSOC is a central in this endeavour. This puts us under the obligation to "deliver as one" the expected results.

In conclusion, I would like to stress that the Republic of Moldova fully identifies with the statement of the European Union made earlier by the distinguished representative of Sweden.

Thank you for your attention.