REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

**regarding the expenditure incurred during the period
from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025
included by the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization and the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development in the report on the execution of eligible expenditure programs
in accordance with the provisions of the IDA Credit 7174-MD financing agreement and the IBRD Loan 9423-MD loan agreement**

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REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REGARDING EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

To the management of the "Micro, Small and Medium - Sized Enterprise Competitiveness" Project

Purpose of this Agreed-Upon Procedures Report and Restriction on Use and Distribution

Our report is solely for the purpose to review the accuracy of reporting related to the Eligible Expenditure Programs (EEPs) of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project funded by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association for the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 (Appendix 1), including (i) the salary expenses of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry") and (ii) the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Digitalization Program, managed by the Organization for Entrepreneurship Development (hereinafter referred to as the "ODA").

The expenditures incurred during the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 are included by the Ministry and the ODA in the report on the execution of eligible expenditure programs, as disclosed in Annex 4 of the Project Operations Manual related to the Performance Based Conditions of the Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Competitiveness Project, financed through the Financing Agreement IDA 7174-MD between the International Development Association and the Republic of Moldova signed on the 7th of July 2022 and the Loan Agreement 9423-MD between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Republic of Moldova, signed on the 7th of July 2022.

This report is intended solely for the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project, and may not be suitable for another purpose, and should not be used by, or distributed to, any other parties.

Responsibilities of the Engaging Party

Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement.

Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project is responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

Practitioner's Responsibilities

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 (Revised), Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements. An agreed upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with PIU Project Implementation Unit of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project, and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

Professional Ethics and Quality Control

We have complied with the ethical requirements in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant in the Republic of Moldova and the independence requirements in accordance with the IESBA Code and in the Republic of Moldova.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements, and accordingly, maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Procedures and Findings

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed upon with PIU Project Implementation Unit of the Competitiveness Enhancement Project in the terms of engagement letter dated 28 March 2024 and Amendment 2 from 5 December 2025, on the expenditure verification of the project "Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Competitiveness" Project" for the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025:

	Procedures	Findings
1	To reconcile the expenditures records provided to us by the Ministry concerning the salary expenditures of its personnel for the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 with the report on the execution of the Eligible Expenditure Program.	We have reconciled the records provided to us by the Ministry related to the salary expenditures of its personnel for the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025, that include employees' compensation and mandatory state social insurance contribution with the Report on execution of Eligible Expenditure Program under Performance based conditions. No differences have been identified.
2	To reconcile the expenditures records provided to us by the ODA, incurred for the project "Program for the digitization of small and medium enterprises" with the report on the execution of Eligible Expenditure Program.	We have reconciled the records provided to us by ODA regarding the expenditures related to the project "Program for the digitization of small and medium enterprises" for the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 with the Report on execution of Eligible Expenditure Program under Performance based conditions. No difference has been identified.
3	From the breakdown of expenditures to make a selection in order to verify that the expenditures claimed under the expenditures report have been settled and whether no outstanding payments or accrued costs have been included in the expenditures report.	From expenditures report we selected a representative sample of expenditures based on our sampling methodology and have inspected the payment orders made by the ODA towards the grantees, therefore confirming that all expenditures claimed under the financial report have been settled in the period 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025.

	Procedures	Findings
4	From the breakdown of expenditures to make a selection in order to verify if the records provided to us by the Ministry related to salary expenditures of the Ministry personnel for the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 have been calculated in accordance with the applicable legislation.	From expenditures report we made a selection in accordance with our sampling methodology, we have received and inspected the following confirmative documents: internal orders issued by the Ministry regarding the gross salary, qualification degree, allocation of bonuses, timesheets, leave orders, bank statements, payment orders and payment forms. We have examined whether the received documents have been filled in and approved by the authorized parties in accordance with the provision of Law 270 from November 23rd, 2018 regarding the system of unitary salary in the public sector. Using these supporting documents, for the representative selection, we recalculated the salary expenditures as per the applicable legislation during the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 and have traced the data with the supporting documentation provided by the Ministry (standardized remuneration spreadsheets). No difference was identified.
5	From the breakdown of expenditures to make a selection in order to verify if expenditures records provided to us by ODA regarding the expenditures incurred for the "Program for the digitization of small and medium enterprises" during the period of 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025 and included in the EEPs Report are eligible and have been made wholly and necessarily for the realization of project objectives.	From expenditures report we made a selection in accordance with our sampling methodology we have obtained and inspected the supporting documents. As a result, all the expenditures from our selection are eligible and have been made for the realization of Project objectives.
6	To verify whether the report on execution of Eligible Expenditure Programs has been prepared in accordance with the project documentation and national legislation.	We did a comparative analysis between: • report on execution of EEP; and • project documentation and national legislation in this field No differences were identified.

8 June 2026

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APPENDIX 1

World Bank MSME Competitiveness Project (P#177895)
Report on execution of Eligible Expenditure Program under Performance based conditions
for the period of January 01 - 31 December, 2025

Eligible expenditure programs under Performance based conditions / *Programele de cheltuieli eligibile în cadrul CBP*		Budget classification codes / Codurile bugetare				Approved budget per year / *Buget aprobat pe an*		Adjusted budget per year / *Buget precizat pe an*		Actual expenditure per year / *Executat de casă pe an*		Accrued expenditure per year / *Cheltuieli efective pe an*	
		Org2	P1P2	P3	ECO	MDL (000)	EUR* (000)	MDL (000)	EUR* (000)	MDL (000)	EUR* (000)	MDL (000)	EUR* (000)
1. **MoEDD staff remuneration**		**16285**	**5001**	**00010**	**2111**	**33,851.20**	**1,713.14**	**41,324.58**	**2,091.36**	**41,271.08**	**2,088.65**	**41,739.59**	**2,112.36**
	Base salary / *Salariul de bază*				211110	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,753.19	1,252.71
	Supplements and increments / *Suplimente și sporuri*				211120	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,289.75	267.70
	Material aide / *Ajutor material*				211130	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Awards / *Prime*				211140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,289.19	115.85
	Remuneration of employees' work according to the staff table / *Remunerarea muncii angajaților conform statelor de personal*				211180	26,096.10	1,320.67	32,034.98	1,621.23	31,981.48	1,618.52	0.00	0.00
	Mandatory social insurance contributions / *Contribuții de asigurare socială obligatorie*				212100	7,755.10	392.47	9,289.60	470.13	9,289.60	470.13	9,407.46	476.09
2. **ODA Digital transformation program of micro, small and medium enterprises / *Programul de transformare digitală a întreprinderilor micro, mici și mijlocii al ODA***		**16750**	**5004**	**00116**	**254000**	**15,000.00**	**759.12**	**15,000.00**	**759.12**	**10,000.00**	**506.08**	**10,864.02**	**549.81**
Total cheltuieli eligibile (1+2)						**48,851.20**	**2,472.26**	**56,324.58**	**2,850.48**	**51,271.08**	**2,594.73**	**52,603.61**	**2,662.17**

* EUR/MDL exchange rate as of December 31, 2025: 1 Euro=19,7597 MDL

** Actual expenditure are the amounts eligible for disbursements under Performance based conditions