



## STATEMENT

**by H.E. Mr. Gheorghe Leucă, Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Moldova to the General debate of the United Nations' First  
Committee of the 80th session of the UN General Assembly**

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Mr. Chair,

Let me begin by congratulating you and the members of the Bureau on your election. You can count on the full support of the Republic of Moldova for a successful and forward-looking session.

We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to offer a few remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. Chair,

As Russia's unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine continues, we reiterate our strongest condemnation and reaffirm our unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

As a neighboring country, Moldova remains directly exposed to the effects and impacts of this aggression. We continue confronting destabilizing hybrid operations with cyberattacks, disinformation, and foreign information manipulation interference designed to undermine our democracy, artificially create ambiguity among population and derail our European path.

Despite this challenging environment, we maintain peace and stability across our entire territory, including in the Transnistrian region, where Russian troops remain stationed illegally. Their presence violates our constitutional neutrality and increases the risk of instability. We, therefore, call for the complete, immediate, and unconditional withdrawal

of the Russian forces and the removal and destruction of ammunition stored at Cobasna, in line with the UNGA Resolution 72/282.

We remain fully committed to a peaceful and political Transnistrian settlement, rooted in respect for Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Our strategic approach prioritizes maintaining dialogue, preventing escalation, and pursuing gradual reintegration through sectoral cooperation. We are confident that Moldova's European integration will play a constructive role in this process.

Mr. Chair,

Turning to the global disarmament and non-proliferation agenda:

The Republic of Moldova reaffirms its strong support for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of nuclear weapons (NPT) as the cornerstone of the global disarmament architecture. We welcome the convening of the first Preparatory Committee for the 2026 Review Conference and urge all states to pursue disarmament goals in good faith.

We support the universalization and entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). We are deeply concerned by other states' continued violations of international norms and call on them to abandon their nuclear weapons program in a complete, verifiable, and irreversible manner.

We emphasize the importance of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and welcome the outcome of its Ninth Review Conference. Moldova remains committed to advancing its effective implementation.

On conventional arms, our country supports existing frameworks including the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), the Anti-Personnel Landmine Convention (APLC), and the Convention on Cluster Munitions (CMC). Their implementation remains essential to minimizing civilian harm and upholding international humanitarian law.

We stress the need for strong controls on the transfer of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), and call for the universalization and full implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), the PoA, the ITI, and related instruments.

Finally, the Republic of Moldova welcomes the adoption this July of the Final Report of the Open-ended Working Group on security of and in the use of ICTs (2021-2025). We believe this marks a significant step toward establishing responsible state behavior in cyberspace and enhancing global digital security.

Finally, and importantly, integrating gender perspectives across all disarmament processes is essential for inclusive and sustainable peace.

Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Moldova remains deeply committed to this Committee's work in promoting international security and a safer, rules-based order.

*Thank you*