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**Statement**

**by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the UN during the second session of the  
General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals  
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Mr. Co-Chairs,  
Distinguished delegates,

Allow me first to express my delegation's appreciation for the hard work you have done in preparing this session and to wish you success in conducting the work of the Open Working Group.

Republic of Moldova as one of the 50 countries involved in the global consultations on shaping the vision for The World We Want beyond 2015 fully supports the efforts of designing the SDGs process and is strongly determined to work towards the definition of the SDGs.

It is highly important for us to highlight that we share the concern expressed by several member states in various fora, including during the general debate of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2012 with regards to the shortcomings for the implementation of the MDGs in the timeframe assumed by all member states at the World Summit in 2005. Definitely, after the Rio+20 Conference, the international community aims to move ahead with a new post-2015 agenda with the SDGs in the center, for which we all committed to engage thoroughly. At the same time, let us reiterate that the development of the new SDGs should not divert our efforts from the achievement of MDGs and from creating strong linkages between the evolving sustainable development goals and the existing Millennium Development Goals, as mentioned in the *Initial input of the Secretary-General to the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals*, presented at the first session of the OWG on SDGs, which altogether constitute a broad development vision of the United Nations. Therefore, we would like to see those MDGs that still need implementation to ultimately find their way and to be reflected in the SDGs.

We also consider that the SDGs process should be a coherent one and entirely integrated in the holistic UN Development Agenda post 2015, based on the universal human development approach, so that to address the well-being of mankind equally directed towards individuals, populations and generations. Besides the fact that we should concentrate our endeavor on framing the goals as such, taking into consideration their universality, applicability to every country's realities, we see necessary to focus our attention to the means of implementation, which are not less important. SDGs must be broader and should address multidimensional thematic issues, including water, sanitation, food security, migration, human rights, social protection, gender equality, justice, climate change, energy security.

Mr. Co- Chairs,

In terms of poverty eradication, we share the view that it should remain the core priority for the governments worldwide in the framework of the future SDGs. Furthermore, combating poverty and advancing SDGs should go hand in hand. Our delegation would like to see a people-centered approach to poverty eradication by empowering people through their participation in the political, economic and social life. Moreover, poverty eradication goal should have the targets focused on equitable distribution of wealth, income and social protection coverage. From our perspective, along with many other aspects, energy security plays a critical role in fostering development and poverty eradication process, and it should be properly addressed in the SDGs, because ensuring access of population to affordable energy sources will help us to generate economical sustainable growth and mitigate social disparities.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

We are entirely aware of the importance of the ongoing process of defining the SDGs and SDG process and we are all looking forward for their successful consideration during the current session.

Thank you for your kind attention!