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Subject: *Communication requesting comments on draft manuals on extended producer responsibility and financing systems for environmentally sound management*

Dear Ms. Susan Wingfield,

Herewith, on behalf of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova I would like to express our great appreciation to the expert working group on environmentally sound management for the development of the draft manual on the extended producer responsibility and the financial system for the environmentally sound management.

We would like to outline the importance and the need for such manual for the countries with an economy in transition, such as the Republic of Moldova, that has undertaken the steps on developing of a new regulatory system for the waste management, that stipulates as well „the polluter pays” principle and the extended producer responsibility. Our national main policy document that includes these provisions is the National Strategy on Waste management, approved by the Governmental Decision nr. 248 dated 10.04.2013.

Moldova is facing several obstacles in creating environmentally sound management schemes for the waste treatment and disposal due to insufficient financing for the infrastructure development and a sustainable cost related flow of financing for facilities operation and maintenance. In this context Moldova decided to implement the extended producer responsibility (EPR) as one of the financing instruments at initial phase for the few categories of products such as EEE, packaging, tires, oil and vehicles, meaning that the producers or importers of these products will be responsible for the collection, recycling and disposal of that product after its period of use. Thus the present manual comes just on time due to the fact that currently it is extremely important for us to have this manual, since the new Law on Waste, stipulating the obligation for the establishment of the EPR systems till the end of 2017, has just recently been approved (July 2016).

The manual fully complies with the national priorities on waste management policy and legislation and it will contribute to the implementation of the EPR

system in Moldova in line with multilateral environmental agreements in the field of sound chemicals and waste management - Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm.

It is important to highlight the need, expressed by business representatives during the Law drafting process, for developing and promoting the roadmaps and handbooks also for the economic operators, particularly on ERP implementation schemes.

Following the OEWG-10/2: Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management decision, the Republic of Moldova accepts the proposal coming from the Bratislava BRC to implement the task on *Testing and verification of the 'Manual on general policies and legislation' and the 'Fact sheet on e-waste' in Belarus, Montenegro and Moldova*", that is planned to be undertaken in the first semester of 2017 by the Environmental Pollution Prevention Office (EPPO) within the Ministry of Environment, in synergy with the business representatives and national stakeholders concerned.

Taking this opportunity the Ministry of Environment would like to express its gratitude for your kind support and looking forward to further fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely,



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