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Letter of Invitation

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

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Subject: *GRANT COMPETITION FOR INNOVATIVE CROSS-RIVER INITIATIVES FOR A RESILIENT BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT in the framework of the European Union "Confidence Building Measures Programme V", implemented by UNDP*

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hereby announces an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the selection of project proposals that will have high impact on envisaged sectors of economy for both banks of the Nistru River, solving core challenges evidenced by the COVID-19 crisis in doing business, and having positive impact on a significant number of MSMEs, self-employed and their livelihoods.

Under this call, the business support organizations/ sectorial Associations, should propose an innovative solution for the benefit of producers and entrepreneurs from both banks of the Nistru, to help them address at least one of the identified challenges evidenced by the pandemics, such as: restricted access to raw materials or low diversification of suppliers, undermined distribution networks, lack of a competitive market for logistics operators (shipping), undeveloped B2B payment tools as well as means to honor reporting and fiscal obligations remotely, optimization of remote work tools or development of new internal HR regulations.

The best applications will be identified based on transparent and competitive selection procedures detailed in the attached Guidelines.

The Expression of Interest includes the following documents:

1. This Letter of Invitation (English only);
2. Applicant's Guidelines (in English, Romanian, Russian);
3. Annex 1 – Application form and plan of activities (in English, Romanian, Russian);
4. Annex 2 – Project proposal form (in English, Romanian, Russian);
5. Annex 3 – Template for the project budget (in English, Romanian, Russian)

Project proposals should be submitted in accordance with provisions stipulated in the Guidelines.

Should you require any further clarifications, kindly communicate with the contact person identified in the attached Guidelines as the focal point for queries on this EOI.

Sincerely,

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