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Opening Session

Please find attached the presentation by Mr. Sergiu Sainciuc, Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade of Moldova.
BENEFITS FROM LEGAL MIGRATION
FOR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

The Republic of Moldova experience

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Main migration policy directions

- Developing effective mechanisms for management and control of migration flows.
  - Law on labor migration.
  - Plan of actions on fostering the return of Moldovan labor migrants from abroad.
  - Joint Declaration on Mobility Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova.

- Developing and strengthening the external bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of migration.

- Developing and implementing effective mechanisms for attracting and use of remittances for economic development.

- Overcoming the world financial crisis after-effects.
Benefits of legal migration

For migrants and members of their families:
- Income increase and rise of buying capacity;
- Accumulation of savings and possibility of investing;
- Access to services requiring substantial financial expenses (healthcare, education);
- Acquiring valuable professional skills and experience;
- Familiarization with other cultures, development of language skills, adopting certain behavioral models.

For development of the country:
- Poverty reduction and rise of salaries;
- Normalization of labor market, unemployment reduction;
- Growth of investments;
- Increase of creditworthiness of the country and access to international market;
- Use of remittances for development of small and medium enterprises (especially in the rural area);
- Familiarizing with advanced technologies, “import” of production methods and practices;
- Reducing pressure on social security system.
Impact of remittances

According to the National Bank data, in 2007, 1,5 billion US $ were transferred to Moldova through official channels. Ratio to GDP is 35%. The volume of remittances for 9 months 2008 constituted 1,43 billion US $.

Recommendations for maximizing of the benefits from migration

- Providing possibilities for legal migration and regularization of migrants in the countries of destination.
- Promoting the temporary character of the migration to avoid massive migration of high skilled specialists.
- Developing and improving mechanisms of cooperation between government and diaspora.
- Taking measures for improving the demographical situation.
- Improving the financial literacy of migrants and their families’ on using official channels for money transfer.
- Improving and developing financial services and dissemination of information on the possibilities of transfer and use of remittances in the countries of origin, including entrepreneurship.
- Promoting the return and reintegration of migrants.
- Creating infocenters within embassies abroad for informing and dissemination of information on social-economic situation in the origin countries, situation on the labor market as well as possibilities of use of remittances for investment.
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