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MANIFESTO Of the XIth Congress of the Christian Democrat People's Party

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA – A SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY! Republic of Moldova as a independent and democratic state is fairly the result of Christian Democrat People's Party activity.

Our political movement has defended and promoted democratic values and national interest for twenty years.

The political agenda of PPCD has been and still is always synchronized with the political agenda of our country.

We have always started from each citizen's interest to be free, dignified and prosperous.

We have built our platform on the historical tradition, culture and our civilization.

We have relied our world view on the Christian faith; we have learned again that the human being is God's creation, responsible to the Creator. We have been deeply engaged in the effort invested in building the reforming legislation and creating a European state governed by the rule of law. We have preserved the hierarchy of values inherited from God, Nation, Country, Family, Person. Enlightened patriotism, spirit of sacrifice, courage and the political will have always led our actions. We have gathered an unique experience of political activity at the people's service. We have developed an intense international activity, defending the interests of our country. The Christian Democrat People's Party is the oldest and the most sustainable democratic institution in our country. PPCD is a member of the strongest political family from Europe today, gathered in the frames of the European People's Party (EPP) and of the Christian Democrat International Organization (IDS). PPCD is the only political party with permanent parliamentary representativeness in all legislatures, from 1990 until present. We have never had the parliamentary majority, but we managed to decisively influence the legislative policy. We have demonstrated competitiveness, character, ability of cooperation and realism. Now, when the country is facing an exam for adulthood, being in the doorstep of the parliamentary elections, PPCD is calling the citizens to show solidarity and to believe in our strength. We have the political will and the ability to substantially improve the life of the simple people in Republic of Moldova. The massive support that we will gain from voters will be repaid with an activity directed to the solving of the economic and social problems. We will be equally focused on issues of moral domain and education. Social solidarity, respect for each person's interest to live better in his or her country will represent the fundament of all our actions. These are only a few of the components from our political Manifest, whose aim is to implement the major objective: REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA- A SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY! PEOPLE PPCD is determined to strongly affirm the right to freedom, to independence, to sovereignty, to territorial unity and to self government with no external interference, of the people from Republic of Moldova. As an old nation, we have the obligation to build a new, modern and prosperous state. Our national pride, dignity, respect for the ethnical, linguistic and religious differences, tolerance and solidarity are values that PPCD will uphold further on. As Motherland of all its citizens, Republic of Moldova has to strengthen the role of Romanian language as a state language and to create in the same time all the needed conditions for the cultural development of all ethnical minorities, as well as for their representatives to study the country's language, history and culture. The integration of national minorities will be more efficient after stimulating them to learn the language of the state they live in. The differences of subjective perception over the objective reality, dragged from our past, have generated different interpretations of the same ethno-linguistic reality. Speakers of the same language identify themselves differently: some calling themselves Romanians and others – Moldovans. In order to exclude the empty political conflicts and discussions it is needed to leave these kind of subjects for the scientific domain, each citizen holding the right to call him or herself as they prefer. The common will to build an European prosper and stabile future together, has to be the fundament for the strategic vision expressed and implemented by the political delegates of the nation. The rebuilt and uphold of the trust in own forces and of the capacity to overcome the historical frustrations, to develop a community spirit and collective responsibilities, to take responsibility for their destiny in a creative and firm way, can be determined only with the direct contribution of the Christian Democrat People's Party to the national rebirth and to the building of a better future for our country and its citizens. FAMILY AND SOCIETY Family, the smallest, but the most stable unit of the human cohabitation, is one of the fundamental institutions of the nation and state. Settled by unification of man and woman, called to become mother and father, the family offers the most favorable setting for a person's development in love

and unity, tolerance, altruism, consideration and responsibility. Family cohesion is a fundamental element of the social solidarity.

Encouraging and supporting the young families by offering preferential credits, through facilities in job applications, by state subventions offered at the birth and for the sustainment of children will enhance the demographic situation. We will stop the economic based migration and we will offer conditions for citizens working abroad to come back numerous and rapidly. Thus we will create real conditions for the rebuilding of hundred of thousands of families separated today because of the economic reasons. PPCD aims to open new 250.000 job positions in the next four years by stimulating the economic free initiative, by assuring an attractive climate for investment and competition, by decisively combating the corruption, bureaucracy, by barring the arbitrary involvement of the state in the activity of economic units. New employment opportunities, raises of salaries and facilitating the purchase of housing at reasonable prices will stimulate marriages and birth rate. Financing with priority and supporting the educational system will educate and train the new generation according to the world standards. The development of children and youth has to be based on the moral- religious and patriotic education. Education should not tolerate immoral excesses of threatening affirmation of practices that have as an aim destruction the fundamentals of family created between a man and a woman. The so called sexual minorities can not be allowed to corrupt the youth and to frighten the public moral, thus avoiding the health risks and the demographic consequences. Not everything related to the private life of citizens can be tolerated as a public manifestation. The care for supporting the elder people, including the decent pensions and available medical services of good quality will always be in our attention. PPCD approaches the ecological issues of our society with a maximum of responsibility, these affecting directly the quality of life.

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND SOCIAL SECURITY Market social economy, based on the individual freedom and social responsibility, is most efficient models from all known. Economic raise based on the free initiative, stably currency and on an efficient social security system are the best premises for prosperity and social harmony. Subsidiary system, solidarity and care for the person's interests are the key traits of the Christian-democrat economic policy. Their implementation is possible only in an efficient administration of the public affairs by a creative and innovator government, able to make transparent and dynamic state institutions free of bureaucracy, corruption and functional barring. The capacity to develop of the national economy substantially depends on the countries access to the power resources. The power security issue of the country is one the biggest economic policy of PPCD. A solid monetary policy which could display the factors that could affect stability of prices is essential. Maintaining low inflation rates, it is necessary to enhance the level of entrepreneurial interest in order to stimulate the economic growth. PPCD will firmly promote structural reforms on the product's market, market of capital and employment. We will consolidate the real competition and we will strengthen the intern market, especially in the public services domain. We will make energy actions towards the fast raise of new opened job positions, especially for the youth, women and elder people who are willing to work. We will follow the principle of combination of work with family life. We will act directly and concrete to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit. By simplifying the administrative procedures of initiating a business and the regulative measures, by reducing the general taxation level, by facilitating the access to financial resources of the small and middle businesses, particularly at the risk capital, by promoting an entrepreneurial culture. The economic policy of PPCD, oriented towards the creations of diverse opportunities on the labor force market, will take into consideration the lacking capacity of the national economy to integrate on the labor market all the active population during a short period of time. Massive number of citizens working abroad forces urgent measures for the free flow of the labor force by stopping the visa regime and by its legalization in the EU area. Unemployment is unfair. The entire motivation, qualification, creativity and innovator spirit of the person are in the middle of our social and economic policy. The significant unemployment reduce is the best social policy and an expression of our solidarity. Competition is one of the most important sources of the entrepreneurial initiative, innovation, investments, and prosperity. The European model carried out by PPCD has Christian-social roots and is based on the principles of quality, social justice, competitiveness, solidarity, personal responsibility and social security. They all stay relevant in the circumstances of globalization and of the global financial crisis, as well as in the conditions of the rapid change in economy. The PPCD strategy aims to combine the new forces of the market with the economic dynamism, humanism and social responsibility. The success of the economic growth will depend on having less, but more clear and better rules. PPCD will combine the need to have a sustainable development with that of protecting the nature, a competitive economy with a flexible and realistic legislation, the subsidiary principle with trust in the private initiative. Maintaining the biodiversity, the quality of water, soil and air has to determine an economic activity based on business ethics, patriotic spirit and accountability to the next generations. **AGRICULTURE** Agriculture will be paid special attention by PPCD. Subventions for gas, building of an efficient system of collecting the agricultural products from the farmer, offering best conditions for the crop will be key elements in the agrarian policy of PPCD. Ecological agriculture, stimulating the building of new agricultural companies in the rural area, which could supply the

market with products of European standards, shall be tools to generate economic success. INFRASTRUCTURE PPCD will have a firm policy of directing important budgetary resources and of some consistent European and international funds in order to restore and create the infrastructure. We will construct national and local roads; we will continue the gasification of villages and will supply them with current water; we will expand the global internet network in all country regions and we will stimulate the training and use of computers and connection to the virtual space in schools, in administrative and economic bodies.

BUDGET AND TAXATION State budget incomes will grow by stimulating the export, protection of the domestic supplier, and support for the activity of small and middle businesses, drastic reduction of arbitrary checks of economic agents by the state bodies, reduction of fiscal measures, combating corruption, implementation of stimulating measures of diminishing the black market phenomenon. Budgetary expenses will be made according to the priorities, emphasizing the moral approach of the principles of solidarity and social equity.

COMBATING CORRUPTION One of the main causes of poverty is corruption. This aspect blocks the activity of state structures in the service of the citizens. Corruption expansion is caused by the insufficient transparency of the state institutions, by bureaucracy and by the multiple approvals that citizens and economic agents have to obtain. Corruption affects the central and the local administration, questioning and judicial bodies. The process of transition and privatization, from 1990 until now, allowed a number of high ranking corrupt ex-holders to make abuse of their functions, transferring into personal ownership using illegal schemes public funds and properties. These transition gangsters have created political parties, non governmental structures and press tools in order to protect and carry out their personal and group criminal interests. The graveness and the coverage of this phenomena influence not only the citizen's interests and economy, but also the national interests of the country because of the connection between the corrupt elements with the foreign political groups, especially with the structures of influence from Russian Federation and from Transdnistrian region of Republic of Moldova which is under the Russian control. The new legislative frame, existence of a corruption combating strategy, as well as the activity of juridical bodies allowed limited progresses in the eradication of corruption. An important role in corruption eradication has the judicial power, which has to be fully separated from the other powers having a complete independence. The fight against corruption has been a constant priority for the Christian Democrat People's Party. Our performance in the press, our parliamentary investigations, multiple solving of corruption cases and abuse represent our substantial contribution to combating corruption, as well as for making public the names of the corrupt members of government. In order to eradicate corruption, PPCD is firm to carry out the principle of efficiency, competitiveness and transparency in the activity of state. We need few, competent and well paid persons in the administrative bodies. Republic of Moldova needs a clean Parliament, to express the will of citizens to have an honest and efficient government. The pace of Economic growth and of European integration directly depends on the moral and professional quality of those two institutions.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR SINGLE POWER We will uphold the local public administration reform and the administrative-territorial reorganization which would give the right to self government the local organizations. We will stop any abusive involvement from the central power in the activity of local authorities. We will expand and strengthen the competences of the local public administration according to the European norms and legitimate interests of the citizens. We will raise the fiscal fundament of the local power, leaving only the necessary taxes to cover the citizen's interests. Businessmen will be stimulated to orient their investments towards the regional centers and villages. A series of fiscal facilities and other motivating tools from the state will be implemented in this direction.

DOMESTIC POLICY PPCD considers that the domestic political stability guaranties a sustainable development of society and the mandatory element for attraction of investments. The relation between the political parties, unions, NGOs, media and other social collective actors has to be supported by responsibility and patriotism. The insignificant conflicts and debates for a democratic state should not turn into aggressive conflicts and political crisis. PPCD will accelerate and deepen the democratic, political and institutional reforms by supporting a dynamic and European like legislative frame. Changing of the General Prosecutor's office, of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, of the Economic Crime and Corruption Combating Center, the consolidation of independence of judicial power, of the local self government, the respect for the freedom of speech and the free access to information, protection of rights and fundamental freedom of the human being will be our priorities. PPCD will support the constitutional reform started in 2000. It will be oriented towards the diminishing of the influence of the function of President of republic and strengthening the role of Parliament and of Government in the political system of country. The parliamentary models of republic that will fundament this reform will be inspired from the constitution of Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, Czech Republic, etc. The constitutional reform will eliminate the risks for parliamentary democracy and to consolidate the good functioning of the principle of representativeness. The enhancement of the defense capacity and the capacity to supply the citizens and the state with security will determine PPCD to approach the National Army as a fundamental national institution, which needs financial resources, reforms and support from the political factors. The Security and

Informational Service will be offered a substantial support because it is their task to reduce the vulnerabilities and the risks that our country is facing. PPCD will firmly uphold the principle of civil control over the Armed Forces and the security bodies.

FOREIGN POLICY The development strategy of the foreign affairs of the Republic of Moldova will aim the advancement towards and the integration in the European Union and North-Atlantic Alliance. The EU and NATO integration process will request determined political will, the most of administrative capacity, political, economic and social deep and rapid changes, a dynamic and offensive foreign policy. The main external partners of our country are USA, EU countries, Romania, Ukraine and Russia. The United States of America is the most important external partners and strategic ally of the Republic of Moldova on its way to affirmation of our country as an independent state with euroatlantic aspirations. As a leader of the Free World, USA is the most stable support for the new democracies from the ex-communist area and which are still supporting the neoimperial tendencies of the Kremlin. The political, the financial and the moral help of USA is highly appreciated by PPCD and will bring efficient results in the future. European Union is the strongest political and economic organization on the continent which our country is aspiring for a spot. Democratic values, rule of law, prosperity based on principles of free market, respect for human rights are common values that our citizens should benefit from. The four liberty principles, free flow of people, of products, of services and funds, are objectives that PPCD is determine to achieve by implementing the reforms and accelerating the integration process. The integration process is based on common European, Christian and democratic values of the European nations, inherited from the historical and cultural tradition of the entire continent. After compiling the European Union Individual Action Plan-Republic of Moldova, our country as a close neighbor and active participant, together with the western Balkan states, in the Process of Cooperation in South Eastern Europe, has to negotiate and sign a new Agreement with EU which would preserve our perspective of European integration. The success of the country in the integration and development process substantially depends on the quality of the political and economic relations of the Republic of Moldova with the two neighbor countries: Romania and Ukraine. Both countries are natural strategic partners of our state. Romania, with whom we share a common historical past, a common culture, language and religion, can and has to be the main devotee of the Republic of Moldova on the international arena. The close relations of fraternity between people from both shores of the Prut river have to be reflected also in good relations of trust and mutual support between the governments of the two countries. The tragic past, territorial occupations, the border change imposed by the Russian and USSR aggressions, resulted from the World War II, have to be officially recognized and positively worked. The communication issues between the political elites from Bucharest and Chisinau have to be solved maturely and wise. The friendship and partnership relationships will fundament all the basic documents controlling the diplomatic connections between our two states. Ukraine, a state which is following the same strategic objectives of integration in EU and NATO, and which fundaments its policies on the common values of the European civilization, is a consistent and certain partner of our country. The political and economic relations, the firm support in controlling the Transnistrean area in the frames of the EUBAM international mission, the relations of friendship and brotherhood, as well as the fact that the biggest national minority in Moldova is represented by Ukrainians are just a few fundamental aspects showing the constructive and friendly character of our relations. Russia is an important political and economic partner for the Republic of Moldova. The political relations between our countries are following a positive line. Still, PPCD feels obliged to convince the Russian Federation, using inclusively the help of our external partners and of the international bodies, to resign from its imperial habits and to be loyal to its international engagements regarding the stop of the illegal military presence on our territory. The supply with power resources, the commercial relations and the big number of Russian investors in Moldova obliges us to accelerate the interaction between our states in the economic domain. The strengthening and giving ease to our relations with Russia directly depends on its political leaders' ability to give up on the intention to subordinate the national interests of the Republic of Moldova to Moscow's geopolitical interests.

TRANSNISTREAN CONFLICT PPCD evaluates Moscow's interests to maintain the control over Moldova as a cause for separatism. The Russian expansionist policy aims to stop the Moldovan EU and NATO integration process. The Russian military presence is generating the conflict. The occupation that our country finds itself under represents a threat to our domestic and regional peace and stability. The separatism is also the main cause of the country's under development. The peaceful, democratic and sustainable solving of the Transnistrean conflict with regard to the national interests of the Republic of Moldova is possible only after the resign of Russian military forces from the Transnistrean territory, negotiations following the 5 plus 2 format. Any solution of the Transnistrean conflict has to be based on norms of international right; Independence Declaration, Constitution, Parliament's Decisions beginning with June 10th, 2005 and Law regarding the main specimens of the special juridical statute of the regions from the left Dniestr river bank (Transdnistria) from July 22nd, 2005. Another crucial condition for a correct solving of the existent situation is the maintenance of a large national consensus between the political forces, as well as the

strengthening of the partnership between the Republic of Moldova and the USA, EU, UNO, ECSC and NATO-international bodies that can decisively contribute to the capacity of negotiation of Moldova with Russia. Following our main political Program, we, the Christian-democrats from the Republic of Moldova, are willing to contribute to the building of a new world which replaces the old conflicts and rancor by true cooperation and partnership. As members of the Christian-Democrat International organization (CDI) and of the European People's Party (EPP) we want to implement this idea being inspired by the Christian morals fundamental values and principles as Truth, Freedom, Responsibility, Justice and Solidarity. We are addressing all the man and the woman from our country- young or elder people, from majority and minority groups- the call to join us, so that we could build together a better, a more fair, with more solidarity and freedom, a more democratic world for our children and for us. With an OPEN heart for each person from our country, with the firm will to face all the risks and hardships, to bring our word in every house and to call the people to trust the countries future and our force of bringing it to the level of the powerful and developed countries, we are stepping into the 2009 year with the moral obligation to win. God bless Republic of Moldova! Chisinau, November 23rd, 2008.