REPORT

of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Moldova in
Republic of Bulgaria – Plovdiv
for 2024

In 2024 the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova in the Republic of Bulgaria – Plovdiv, Mr. VESELIN CHIPEV, with a consular district covering the regions of Plovdiv, Haskovo and Stara Zagora, made a personal contribution to the strengthening of the relations between the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Bulgaria on a political, economic and cultural level, promoting the development of the economic interests of the Republic of Moldova in the Plovdiv Region.

1. The Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova in the Republic of Bulgaria contributed to the organization of the reception and festive event dedicated to the celebration of March 1st realized by the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova and the Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Bulgaria, under the patronage of Ms. Mariya Gabriel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria. At the same time, was organized a workshop on making Martisor in order to jointly promote the martisor tradition and the cultural practices associated with March 1st, which is celebrated in the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia.

2. The Honorary Consul provided support in financing the "Mărțișor 2024" creative contest, organized for the children from the Moldovan diaspora in the Republic of Bulgaria.

3. On 27 March, under the patronage of the Honorary Consul, a musical concert was held with the participation of laureates of violin competitions - students of the Republican Lyceum "Ciprian Porumbescu" in the city of Chisinau. Mr. Chipev paid the transportation costs of the Moldovan laureates and provided their stay in apartments in Capital City Center – one of the most comfortable and convenient buildings in the city in close proximity to the National School of Music and Dance "Dobrin Petkov" - Plovdiv, where the concert itself was held in Concert

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Hall "Dobrin Petkov", and after the concert the two music schools presented a letter of gratitude to Mr. Chipev.

This gesture of the Honorary Consul revived an old tradition between the Bulgarian and the Moldovan music schools and contributed to future cultural cooperation between related art schools in the city of Plovdiv and the city of Chisinau – an important and significant cultural undertaking.

4. The Honorary Consul identified the companies from the Republic of Bulgaria that participated in the Moldovan-Bulgarian Economic Forum, held in Chisinau, on March 26-27, 2024, a key event in promoting cooperation and sustainable development between enterprises and investors from Moldova and Bulgaria. The Bulgarian companies that participated in the Forum evaluated business opportunities, established new strategic partnerships, and carried out an effective exchange of experience.

5. On 28 March 2024, the Regional Governor of Plovdiv, diplm. Eng. Ilya Zyumbilev, presented the Honorary Consul of Moldova, Dipl. Eng. Veselin Chipev, PhD, with the highest award of the regional government – an Honorary Plaque - for the Consul's contribution to the development of good relations between Bulgaria and Moldova. Emphasis was placed on the economic ties of Plovdiv on international level and the growth of the share of global companies on the Bulgarian market in the Plovdiv region, as well as the investment opportunities for Bulgarian companies in Moldova.

6. The Honorary Consul financed the organization of the concert for children from the Moldovan diaspora, on the occasion of the celebration of Children's Day on June 1, 2024.

7. On June 4, 2024, the Honorary Consul of Moldova, Dipl. Eng. Veselin Chipev, PhD, was awarded the Madar Horseman Award by the President of the International Police Association for his support and special merits.

8. In October 2024, Mr. Chipev helped two Moldovan citizens, Svetlana Vasilkovic and Nikolay Vasilkovic, working in Bulgaria, who had not received a residence and work permit from the Migration Service for a long time. He initiated the finalization of the procedure for the issuance of the documents by informing the Service that the Moldovan citizens work as technologists in a Bulgarian winery, which owns a large part of the Moldovan winery "Cricova" - the second largest winery in the world. The role of the consul here was also to support and promote the international cooperation and exchange of specialists and employees between Bulgaria and Moldova.

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9. On October 29 a gala concert was organized under the patronage of Mr. Chipev on the occasion of the most important holiday for our compatriots - the Day of the Bessarabian Bulgarians. The celebration took place on the open stage in Sofia opposite the Mladost Municipality in a beautiful park with the participation of musical ensembles to the joy of many children and adults.

10. On November 12, the Honorary Consul participated in a conference organized by the Atlantic Club in Bulgaria together with the Ministry of Economy and Industry of Bulgaria at the House of Europe in Sofia on the topic "Securing the Future: Economic Stability, Defense and Reconstruction of Ukraine". The aim of the conference was to explore the possibilities for the reconstruction of Ukraine as a modern state fully integrated into NATO and the EU. The focus was on the question of how Bulgaria can play a key role in this process.

11. In December, the Academic Council of the University of Food Technology, where many Moldovan students study, awarded the honorary title "Doctor Honoris Causa of the University of Food Technology Plovdiv" to the Honorary Consul Dipl. Eng. Veselin Chipev, PhD for his support of the University.

12. During 2024, the Honorary Consul offered advisory assistance to Bulgarian companies interested in procuring products from the Republic of Moldova.

13. At the end of 2024 the Minister of Interior, Atanas Ilkov, awarded the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova in Bulgaria, Eng.Dr.Vesselin Chipev with a Service Appreciation Award Plaque of the Minister of Interior. During the award ceremony, the reasons for honouring the diplomatic representative were announced: "For significant and merits in the development of Bulgarian-Moldovan interstate relation of friendship, economic and cultural cooperation; For establishing and strengthening the ties of friendship between the police forces of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova and promoting cooperation in social, cultural and professional fields; For popularizing the history and elevating the prestige of Bulgarian Parachutists in the Republic of Moldova and improving the public image of the Union of Bulgarian Parachutists; For contribution to the good relations between the special forces of the Minister of Interior and the Bulgarian Army; For demonstrated generosity, kindness, and humanity. And for voluntary and unconditional sponsorship of the events from the annual programs of the International Police Association and the Union of Bulgarian Parachutists and as a member of the International Police Association-the largest police association in the world.

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14. The Honorary Consul actively assisted and promoted the development of investment opportunities between businesses of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova. In this context, during the 2024 at the website of the Bulgarian-Moldovan Chamber of Commerce and Industry was published information from the Moldovan Ministry of Energy about the launch of a tender for construction of wind farms.

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