Dear Governor, dear Octavian, dear colleagues of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM),

I would like to wish you all a happy anniversary and all the best for the conference. I would also like to congratulate you all for your contribution to make the NBM, which is still young, an already well recognized institution in the community of central banks.

Since 2012, Moldova and Belgium have been in the same IMF constituency and since then, our two institutions are working closely together. Cooperation between our two central banks is indeed excellent. There is clearly a positive dynamic for some years now and this momentum is going on since the appointment of Octavian Armasu as governor on November 30, 2018.

Dear Governor, I always appreciate your active participation in the conferences in which we participate together, be it organized by the NBB or by the NBM. Your interventions are always candid and accurate, and they contribute to make these conferences a success. Working with you and your staff in our common IMF constituency is a pleasure and I am very impressed by all you are doing to promote your country, your central bank, its independence, and your staff. Indeed, the good cooperation between us benefits our two institutions and turns into very fruitful relations between our staff.

I would like to take the example of the independent assessment of the Internal Audit department of the NBM that was achieved in 2020-2021 by NBB staff. Cooperation between our teams was excellent, whether it be from your side, from the audit committee, and from the staff of the NBM. In 2019, we also carried out two important activities of technical cooperation which were big successes.

I know that you and your bank faced and are still facing big challenges. But I am sure that with your determination, and the determination of your staff, you will be able to succeed. You can count on the National Bank of Belgium to help you.

Once again, happy anniversary and all the best for the future.

Pierre Wunsch

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