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**Prof. Dr. Sierd Cloetingh,  
President of the COST Association**

**Dear Mr. President Seird Cloeting,**

On behalf of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research (MECR), I would like to extend our appreciation for the excellent cooperation with the COST Association.

Following the reform in the research and innovation fields, MECR has become responsible for the elaboration of the state policies in the fields mentioned. In this context, being a Full Member of COST Association constitutes one of the priorities of our Government and we take this opportunity to reiterate our genuine interest of becoming a COST Full Member, interest that we expressed during the event dedicated to COST Info day of May 04, 2018.

Further, we are glad to be acknowledged about the fact that Republic of Moldova has fulfilled the conditions to be granted COST Full Membership in line with Article 6 of the COST Association Statute as of September 21, 2018. In this respect, Republic of Moldova is taking part in 13 current running COST Actions, out of a total of 230 running Actions, that represents a cumulative of 5.65%.

In the light of those mentioned above and based on Article 14 (2) (VI), of the Statutes, I am hereby honored to request, on behalf of MECR, upon your approval for the admission of this request to be administered and reviewed from the CSO.

Being aware of the fulfillment of the criteria, accepting the statues and the duties, as well as obligations mentioned in the Statutes, I am expressing once more, our will to be granted COST full membership.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elena Belei'.

**Elena BELEI  
State secretary**