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This document contains a detailed assessment by dataset of the elements and indicators that underlie the data quality dimensions discussed in Moldova's Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC)—Data Module. It also includes as appendices the DQAF generic framework, the results of the users' survey, and an overview of Moldova's dissemination practices compared to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS).

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>1993 SNA</i>	<i>System of National Accounts 1993</i>
BOPD	Balance of Payments Division
<i>BPM5</i>	<i>Balance of Payments Manual</i> , fifth edition
COFOG	Classification of Functions of Government
COICOP	Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DFID	United Kingdom's Department for International Development
DMFAS	Debt Management and Financial Analysis System
DQAF	Data Quality Assessment Framework
DSBB	Data Standards Bulletin Board
GDDS	General Data Dissemination System
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFCF	Gross Fixed Capital Formation
GFS	Government Finance Statistics
<i>GFSM 1986</i>	<i>A Manual of Government Finance Statistics</i> , 1986
<i>GFSM 2001</i>	<i>Government Financial Statistics Manual 2001</i>
<i>GFSY</i>	<i>Government Finance Statistics Yearbook</i>
HBS	Household Budget Survey
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPI	Industrial Production Index
ISWGNA	Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts
ITRS	International Transactions Reporting System
<i>MFSM</i>	<i>Monetary and Financial Statistics Manual</i>
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MPRD	Monetary Policy and Research Department
MPS	Material Product System
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Communities
NAD	National Accounts Division
NBM	National Bank of Moldova
NBS	National Bureau for Statistics
NCEA	National Classification of Economic Activities
NPISH	Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households
ODCs	Other Depository Corporations
PPI	Producer Price Index
PRODCOM	List of Products of the European Communities
ROSC	Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes
SDDS	Special Data Dissemination Standard
SRFs	Standardized Reporting Forms
SUT	Supply and Use Table
UVI	Unit Values Price Indices
VAT	Value Added Tax

DETAILED ASSESSMENT USING THE DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (DQAF)

The following detailed information on indicators of statistical practices in the areas of the national accounts, government finance, monetary, and balance of payments statistics was gathered from publicly available documents and information provided by the Moldovan authorities. This information, which is organized along the lines of the generic DQAF (see Appendix II), was used to prepare the summary assessment of data quality elements, based on a four-part scale of observance, shown in Moldova's Report on the Observance of Standards and Codes (ROSC)—Data Module.

I. NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

0. Prerequisites of quality

0.1 *Legal and institutional environment*

0.1.1 *The responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating the statistics is clearly specified*

The *Law on Official Statistics* of December 9, 2004 (the Law) articulates criteria for collecting statistical information, the roles of public bodies in the field of statistics, the rights and obligations of reporting units, mechanisms for protecting confidentiality of reported information, and responsibilities for publishing statistics and ensuring comparability of statistics.

The Law clearly defines the role of the central statistical body (National Bureau for Statistics) of Moldova in the production and dissemination of statistics. The central body has responsibility for overseeing the entire statistical process. The Law outlines the notion of a state program for statistics, developed by the National Bureau for Statistics (NBS) in collaboration with ministries and state agencies for a three to five-year period. The program comprises surveys to be conducted by the NBS, surveys to be conducted by other central government authorities, and administrative data to be supplied by ministries, state agencies, municipal bodies, or public institutions to the NBS.

The NBS has the responsibility for ensuring the comparability of all official statistical data and the adherence to statistical standards, classifications, methodology, and ensuring that there are no gaps, overlaps, or shortcomings in the conduct of the statistical program. These arrangements are well established and the central role of the NBS has been unchallenged.

The NBS is the only official producer of national accounts data. The national accounts are prepared in the National Accounts Division (NAD), in cooperation with other divisions. The main responsibilities of the NAD are related to the application of the national accounts system in the current statistical practice of NBS, based on the *System of National Account 1993 (1993 SNA)*. The NAD staff is engaged in supporting other divisions within the