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**ENVSEC Initiative**

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources is cooperating with a range of global and regional international organizations such as the GEF, World Bank, EBRD, NATO, OSCE, UNECE and many others.

Through this cooperation Republic of Moldova made considerable progress in addressing environmental challenges.

Taking into account the multitude and diversity of environmental problems, Republic of Moldova is trying to find new partners of collaboration to effectively manage these problems. In this context, our country established in 2005 a successful collaboration with Environment and Security Initiative.

The ENVSEC Initiative is a common mechanism that connects the problems of environment and security. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources highly appreciates this initiative, because the initiative is aiming at:

- Adjustment the state to detect the problems in the field of environment and security;
- Resolution of the regional and national conflicts
- Minimization of the political problems by improving the dialogue and cooperation in the field of environmental problems
- Development and approval of common activities at national and international levels
- Development of the collaboration between states with the purpose to ensure the sustainable development, security and stability in the region.

The most important achievement of the ENVSEC Initiative that encompasses Moldova is elaboration of Regional ENVSEC Report for Belarus-Moldova-Ukraine.

The report describes the progress made by our counties since adherence to this Initiative. The official launch of the report took place at 15<sup>th</sup> Economic and Environmental Forum of OSCE in Prague, May, 2006.

In Republic of Moldova, the report was presented at the workshop, organized by ENVSEC Initiative in collaboration with OSCE Mission in Republic of Moldova. The workshop was attended by interested stakeholders representing governmental and non-governmental organizations. The participants at the event made a positive appreciation to this report.

Also, the ENVSEC Initiative contributed to involvement of the transnistrian NGOs in detection of the environmental hot-spots from transnistrian region and try to find the solutions for them.

With the support of ENVSEC Initiative the MENR elaborated the National Program for Environmental Security for the 2007-2015. This program has a significant role for our republic, because environmental safety is one of the most important components, which ensures the general safety of the state and its sustainable development

And finally, I would like to use this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to all international partners for their support in effective management of environmental problems from our country.