



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

AND

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

ON

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ELECTORAL PROCESS
STRENGTHENING IN MOLDOVA**

The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova (hereinafter referred to as "CEC") and International Foundation for Electoral Systems (hereinafter referred to as "IFES") being interested to continue the existing spirit of cooperation, goodwill and friendship between them; and

Wishing to formalize their relationship to strengthen their affinities in support of their respective endeavors for elections and democracy.

Have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE 1

1.1 The Parties shall collaborate in assistance to the electoral process through ongoing on-site IFES projects.

ARTICLE 2

2.1 IFES shall provide assistance to the CEC through its established office in Moldova.

2.2 Technical assistance provided by IFES to the CEC will primarily include the areas below:

- a. Voters' Lists, Voter Registry Data Management and Update Process;**
- b. Training of Electoral Officials of All Levels;**
- c. Strategic Planning Process;**
- d. Support of the Legal Reforms;**
- e. Voter and Civic Education;**
- f. Protection of citizens' constitutional electoral rights;**

ARTICLE 3

3.1 Should further needs arise in the course of the efforts of the Parties, the aforementioned areas of cooperation shall not be considered limited or exclusive.

3.2 In the event that additional technical support needs are identified the Memorandum of Understanding will be amended as required.

3.3 All additional technical support listed in any amendment as referred to in paragraph (1) will be considered as an integral content of the Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 4

4.1 Although the Parties are willing to cooperate, the Parties shall remain independent institutions and no financial obligations on either part shall be deemed necessary by this MoU.

ARTICLE 5

5.1 This MoU represents a general agreement and shall not create any legal obligations to either party.

ARTICLE 6

6.1 The Parties agree to try and settle all conflicts and disputes that arise out of this MoU in an amicable manner.

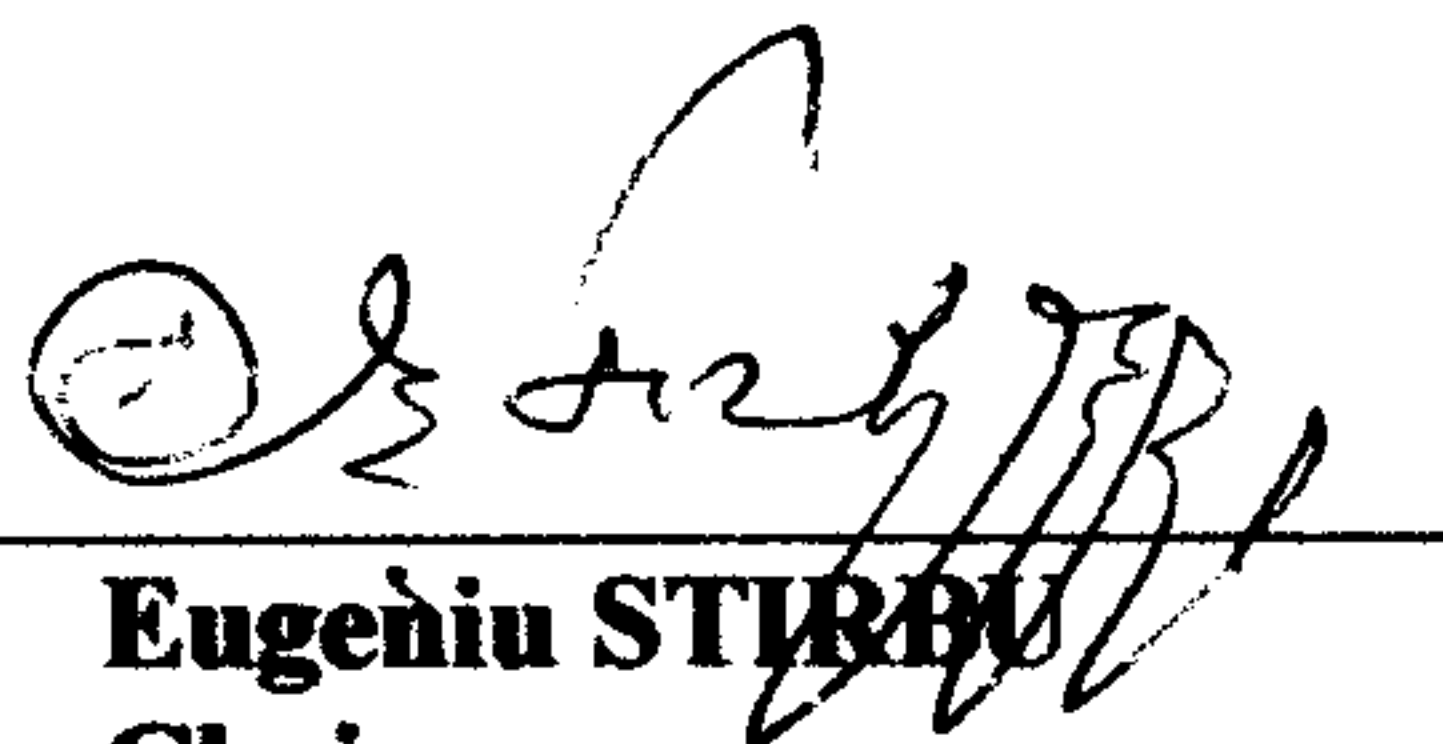
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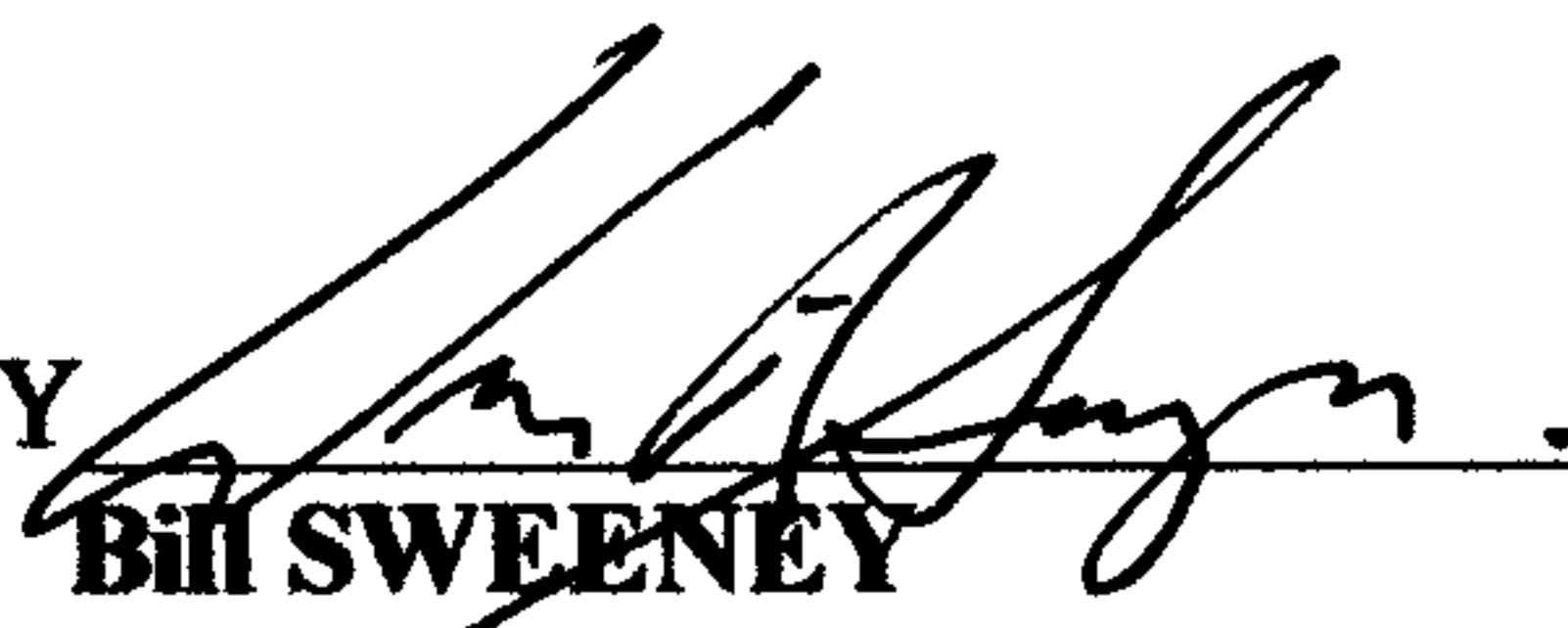
7.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is drafted in both Romanian and English versions. Both copies will be signed by the institutions and regarded as original copies, with the same legal effect to be distributed to the Parties.

7.2 Effective Date: This MoU shall be effective on the date of signing by both Parties. In witness whereof, the Parties, each acting through their authorized representatives, have caused this MoU to be signed in their names and delivered as of this date.

7.3 The present Agreement is concluded for a period of 5 years. After the expiry of this term, in the case of the absence of written notification from the side of any Part regarding the ceasing of the Agreement, this is automatically prolonged for the next 5 years.

7.4 The present Agreement can be denounced by any Part through written notification until the expiry of the term. The Agreement ceases after the expiry of the term of 45 days from the date of receiving the notification.

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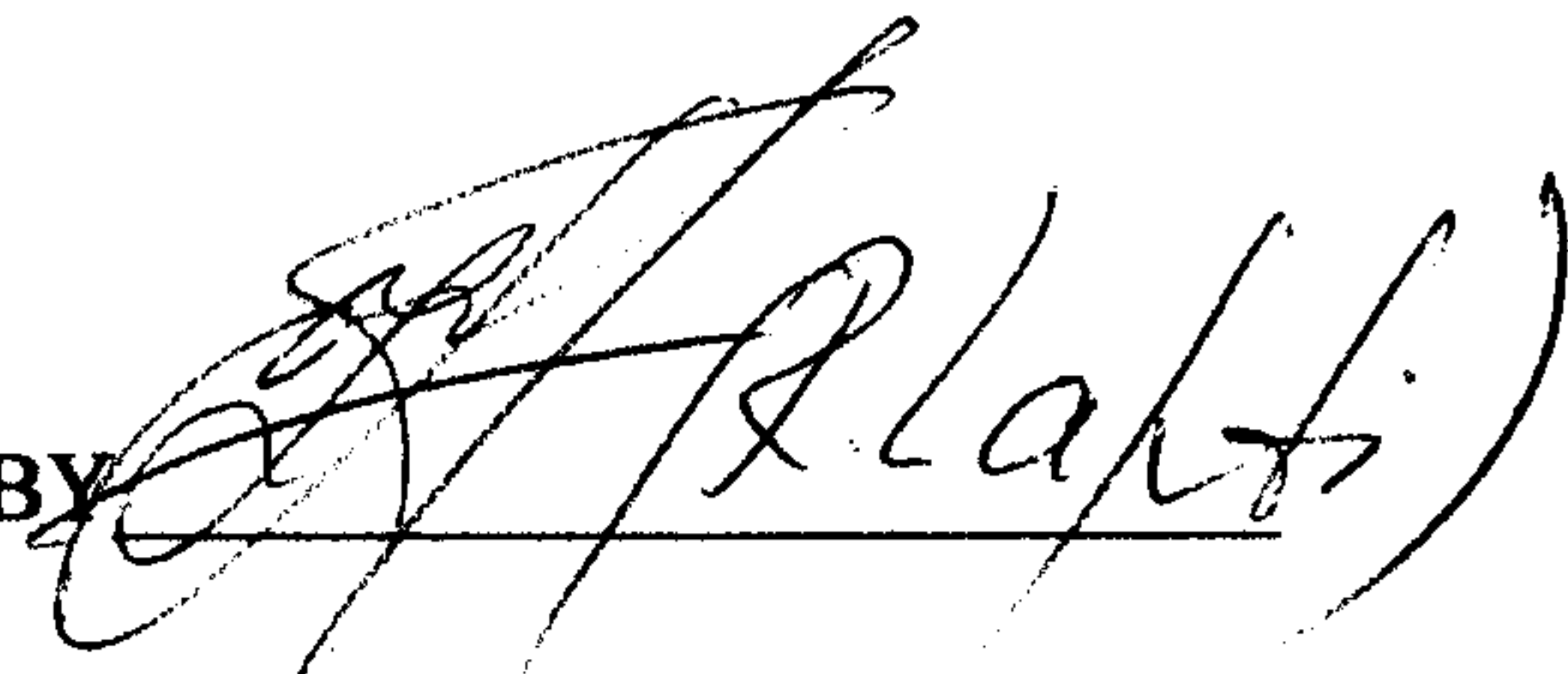
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