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STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOCELYN KINNEAR ON THE THIRD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE MOLDOVA SUPPORT PLATFORM 1400th MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

24 November 2022

Mr. Chair,

I would like to offer my thanks to France, Germany and Romania for holding the meeting of the Moldova support Platform earlier this week.

Canada is pleased to serve as Co-chair, with our German partners, of the Working Group on the Humanitarian Situation of Refugees in Moldova.

We commend Moldova's steadfast assistance to support Ukrainian refugees and their Moldovan host families.

Canada is committed to supporting those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries, including Moldova.

A key focus at the meeting in Paris was Moldova's energy security and this is certainly of critical importance.

It is also essential to recognize and support Moldova's significant efforts to accommodate and integrate the many refugees, most of whom are women and children, taking into account their specific needs.

Canada has committed \$320 million in humanitarian assistance to the United Nations, Red Cross, and non-governmental partners to respond to the humanitarian impacts of Russia's invasion in Ukraine and neighboring countries. \$8.2 million has been earmarked specifically for Moldova.

Once again, Canada thanks those who hosted and co-chaired this meeting, and we offer our continued thanks to Moldova for its ongoing response to this terrible situation.

Thank you.