

Republic of Moldova



Mr. President, Madam Secretary General, dear Government and civil aviation representatives.

Thank you for inviting Republic of Moldova to take part in this World Aviation Forum! Allow me to say a few things about the Republic of Moldova and tell you the story of its people.



Meet the Republic of Moldova, a grape shape country located in the center of the European continent, between Ukraine and Romania, a country with 3 million people and a nominal GDP of 6 billion US Dollars per year.



More than 30% of the Moldova's population left the country, in search for better opportunities abroad. You can find Moldovan's everywhere even here, in Canada; there are tens of thousands of them.

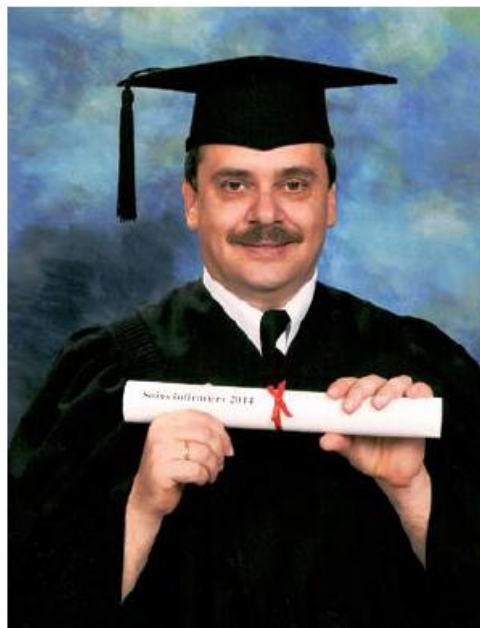
Although they left, they still come back home to visit their parents, relatives and friends.



Republic of Moldova is very lucky to have this people that work hard, send money home and support the country's economy. Given this circumstances we have registered air traffic of 754 thousands passengers in the first 10 months of 2015, which means an increase of 42.8% in comparison with the same period of 2014.



Please meet Natalia Hincu, one of the 2 million Moldovans that didn't leave Moldova. This picture was taken couple months ago by her oldest son Sergiu, who lives and works here in Montreal and talks with his mom using the video chat services.



Natalia doesn't know much about ICAO, she most likely doesn't know that Republic of Moldova is an ICAO member state that seeks to implement its Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). What does Natalia know is that out of her three children, two are here in Canada and for her aviation is the industry that shrinks the distance between here and her kids.

Air Canada together with Air Moldova, are the companies that can bring her sons and grandchildren home safe in a matter of 12 hours.



The Republic of Moldova needs ICAO, because it provides the necessary methodologies and tools in assisting the states with the implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices (SRP's), that will lead us to better, safer and more affordable flights, which is the necessary condition for the economic development. My country's cooperation with ICAO is absolutely necessary, as it is the best way to be informed with the global trends in aviation while benefiting from the ICAO's methodologies and best practices.



I am here today to ensure that people like Natalia will be able to see her relatives more often, with lower costs and with less impact for the environment. I know this is possible and I know that with the ICAO's help and assistance – this is achievable.

I am here to witness that at the 2015 World Aviation Forum no country was left behind!

Republic of Moldova shares the same sky with other ICAO's member states and if the sky is common then the rules should be common as well. With the technical help of the country's representatives at ICAO we'll be able to implement easier the Standards and Recommended Practices in the local legislation so that we could ensure people like Natalia that their children will come home more often, benefiting from fast, safe and affordable aviation services.



Thank you!