A new framework for the continued functioning of the state in any critical situation

The National Crisis Management Center (CNMC) in partnership with the Embassy of the United States of America, the NATO Liaison Office and the Institute for Security Governance (ISG) of the Security and Defense Cooperation University (DSCU) organized a high-level seminar on the application of two concepts for the stability of the country: **Continuity of Governance (COG) and Continuity of Operations (COOP)**.

The event, opened by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Alexandru Munteanu, brought together the main decision-makers at the national level: ministers, secretaries of state and heads of institutions in the civil, security and public services fields - in total around 30 national entities were represented. Participation at this level demonstrates the state's clear commitment to move from reactive crisis management to permanent and systemic preparedness.

This joint effort aims to guarantee citizens that, regardless of whether Moldova faces a cyber attack, an energy crisis, a natural calamity or other types of disruptions, and even when they occur simultaneously - the institutions that protect them and provide them with public services - will continue to function without interruption. Thus, in order to ensure the stability of the country, the Government will implement a dual system to protect the functioning of the state:
1. COG: It represents the strategic framework that guarantees that the constitutional and fundamental pillars of democracy - the executive power, the legislative power and the judiciary - remain fully functional from a legal point of view and can make decisions in all circumstances. This mechanism ensures that the legal succession to the leadership of the country and the legitimacy of the authorities are preserved according to the constitution regardless of the type of threat.
2. COOP: It refers to the practical ability of the state to deliver basic services to the population without interruption. Through COOP, each institution establishes clear procedures to ensure the supply of energy, water, health care or social services, even when regular premises or communication systems are affected by a critical situation.

The need for this additional effort comes at a time when the global situation is becoming increasingly unpredictable, and threats can simultaneously affect several strategic sectors. Although the Republic of Moldova already has intervention mechanisms, the new approach emphasizes continuity as a permanent function of the

state, so that institutions remain functional and predictable in any situation, and citizens are continuously protected.

The current effort is not an isolated one, but part of a long-term strategy. To turn these plans into reality, government experts are already working on a new modern legislative framework, aligned with European Union and NATO standards. This process will lead to the adoption of clear regulations that will require every public institution to have multiple verified backup plans, trained personnel and secure communication systems.

Through these measures, the Republic of Moldova adapts to the new security realities and strengthens its sovereignty, ensuring that constitutional order and support for the population remain constant, regardless of the circumstances.

