NATIONAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

DECISION no. 9
of 25 September 2026

Pursuant to Article 29(4), Articles 31, 32, 34 and 35 of Law No. 248/2025 on Crisis Management (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2025, No. 437-440, Art. 600), as subsequently amended, in implementation of Parliament Decision No. 222/2026 on the declaration of a state of emergency in the energy and hydrological sectors (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2026, No. 475-476, Art. 493), having regard to the powers established by the Regulation on the Organisation and Functioning of the National Crisis Management Commission, approved by Government Decision No. 346/2026 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2026, No. 301-304, Art. 369), taking into account the findings, risk assessments and conclusions set out in the Integrated Report on the crisis situation in the energy and hydrological sectors, which reveal the persistence and overlapping of major risks caused by the degradation of the regional power infrastructure in Ukraine, the limitation of firm commercial import capacities through cross-border interconnections (NTC guaranteed at only 360 MW), the marked volatility of international natural gas and fuel markets, and the extreme hydrological deficit in the Dniester and Prut river basins, taking into account the risk analysis presented by the Ministry of Environment and the National Crisis Management Centre concerning the critical hydrological situation, characterised by a significant decrease in flows, a drop in the water level and a reduction in the natural dilution capacity of the watercourse, taking into account the imminent risk of disruption of water supply to the population, of the functioning of essential services and of the protection of aquatic ecosystems, as well as the need to ensure an adequate ecological flow, with a view to establishing special measures of a temporary nature, necessary and proportionate to the severity of the state of emergency declared, the National Crisis Management Commission

DECIDES:

1. The Ministry of Environment is designated as the authority responsible for crisis response management in the hydrological sector and for the management of water resources, while the National Crisis Management Centre shall ensure strategic coordination and integrated monitoring at national level. The Ministry of Environment, through the Public Institution National Administration “Apele Moldovei”, the Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring Authority, the Environment Agency and the Environmental Protection Inspectorate, and together with the National Agency for Public Health, shall ensure integrated monitoring of the quantitative and qualitative status of waters in the Dniester and Prut river basins by 10:00, or immediately in the event of major-impact events.

2. Operators of public water supply and sewerage services operating intakes on the Dniester and Prut rivers shall submit to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Ministry of Environment and the National Crisis Management Centre, within 5 days of the entry into force of this Decision, for each intake:

a) the minimum level and flow required for the operation of the intake installations;

b) the volume of stored water and the estimated autonomy, expressed in hours, relative to current consumption;

c) the available backup sources and the flow that can be supplied from them;

d) the electricity requirements and the capacity of the existing autonomous power sources;

e) the measures to be applied when each technological threshold is reached.

3. The operators referred to in item 2, together with local public administration authorities, shall update their water supply continuity plans within 10 working days. The plans shall include scenarios corresponding to a 10%, 20% and 30% reduction in source availability and shall establish the consumption to be limited, the available alternative sources, the institutions benefiting from priority, the necessary technical and logistical resources and the means of informing the population.

4. The available water resources shall be used as a priority for the supply of drinking water to the population, sanitary needs, the functioning of medical and social institutions, educational establishments, emergency services and facilities of critical importance, as well as for filling and topping up the circuits of district heating systems, including CHP Chişinău and CHP-North Bălţi, before the start of the heating season, while ensuring the ecological flow necessary for the protection of aquatic ecosystems.

5. The operation of water intake stations on the Dniester and Prut rivers used for irrigation is suspended for the duration of the state of emergency, in order to ensure, as a priority, the water needed to supply the population with drinking water and for other priority uses.

6. For the duration of the state of emergency, the use of drinking water from public water supply systems, as well as the abstraction of water from surface sources, is prohibited for:

a) watering lawns, grass areas, decorative flower beds and other ornamental green spaces;

b) washing streets, pavements, yards, platforms, façades and roofs;

c) filling or topping up swimming pools, recreational pools, decorative fountains, ornamental ponds and other similar facilities;

d) other recreational, ornamental or auxiliary activities that are not indispensable for the supply of drinking water, the protection of public health, the prevention and extinguishing of fires or the functioning of critical infrastructure.

7. The prohibitions shall apply regardless of the time of day. The use of recirculated or reused water may be permitted only if it does not affect the resources intended for drinking water supply and does not pose risks to public health or the environment.

8. The General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, together with local public administration authorities and public water supply service operators, shall update the record of the means available for the transport and distribution of water and shall maintain intervention capacity in localities at risk of a reduction or interruption of the centralised drinking water supply. Mobile water supply shall be activated when the operator finds that the reduction in the level or flow of the source affects the operation of the intake installations or makes it impossible to meet the water needs of the

population. Interventions shall be carried out at the request of the local public administration authority, made on the basis of the technical information submitted by the operator. Priority shall be given to medical institutions, residential social care institutions, educational establishments, emergency services and the population of the affected localities.

9. The Environmental Protection Inspectorate shall intensify checks on compliance with the conditions set out in the permits for the special use of water. The Environmental Protection Inspectorate, together with local public administration authorities, shall take the measures provided for by law to prevent and counter unauthorised abstraction, the exceeding of authorised volumes and the irrational use of water resources, as well as to document and stop the use of improvised dams and of intake installations placed or operated without authorisation.

10. The Bureau for Reintegration Policies and the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the Joint Control Commission shall ensure communication and coordination of the measures concerning localities on the left bank of the Dniester River, through the existing interaction platforms between Chișinău and Tiraspol.

11. The Ministry of Environment, in cooperation with the National Crisis Management Centre and the other competent institutions, shall ensure that the population is regularly informed about the evolution of the hydrological situation, the availability of water resources, the measures applied and the recommendations for the rational use of water.

12. The maintenance in operational condition and the use, where necessary, of the 5 high-capacity pumping units released from the state reserve and transferred to JSC “Apă-Canal Chișinău”, in order to maintain the capacity to abstract water from the Dniester River under conditions of low levels and flows, without charging the water operator any financial guarantees or loan fees.

13. The connection and commissioning of artesian wells and of verified backup groundwater sources, in order to compensate for the decrease in flow at surface water intakes and to maintain pressure in the networks.

14. The allocation by local public administration authorities of local reserve funds for the purchase of submersible pumps, spare parts and fuel for the generators serving pumping stations.

15. This Decision shall be binding on all public authorities, institutions, economic operators and citizens, shall enter into force on 26 September 2026 and shall be published forthwith on the official websites of the Government and of the National Crisis Management Centre.

16. The National Crisis Management Centre shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this Decision.

Prime Minister,
President of the Commission **[Stamp]** **Vasile TOFAN**