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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
14th SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
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UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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Thank you Madam President.

Madam President,

The Republic of Moldova would like to warmly welcome the Czech delegation to the 14th session of the UPR Working Group and thank the head of delegation for his comprehensive presentation of the national report.

We commend the Czech Republic for its efforts and initiatives to improve the human rights situation, including the adoption in 2012 of a *National Strategy for the Protection of the Rights of the Child*, based on international conventions and on the recommendations of international bodies, as well as the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

We welcome the integration of the gender perspective into the UPR follow-up process and that consequently all government policies are assessed from the gender perspective.

We note with satisfaction the annually adoption of a plan for promoting equal opportunities for men and women by the Government of the Czech Republic.

We acknowledge the Government's commitment to eliminate social exclusion and poverty in socially excluded neighbourhoods in accordance with the *Strategy for Combating Social Exclusion for 2012-2015*.

We welcome the strong commitment of the Czech Republic to combating human trafficking and developing new policies.

We take note with satisfaction of the National Strategy to combat trafficking in human beings, including child trafficking.

We have 3 recommendations:

- fully implement the *National Strategy for the Protection of the Rights of the Child* through plans of action;
- further strengthen the temporary special measures in areas in which women are underrepresented or disadvantaged;
- further educate and train the appropriate professional groups, to raise awareness among the vulnerable groups, and establish cooperation with additional institutions and organizations, namely as regards worker exploitation.

I thank you.