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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
14<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF JAPAN  
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Thank you Madam President.

Madam President,

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

We note with satisfaction the efforts of Japan to develop policies for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms as universal values.

We commend Japan for involving civil society and NGOs in the follow up to the UPR process through the social media, including the Facebook page and Twitter account of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to provide information about the dialogue and collect opinions.

We recognise the Government's commitment to eliminate child pornography and promote measures to prevent distribution and access to images of child pornography on the Internet, and develop an environment that provides safe and secure Internet use for young people, including the establishment of the "Comprehensive Measures to Eliminate Child Pornography".

We welcome the strong commitment of Japan to fight against human trafficking, including the Action Plan on Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

We acknowledge the Government's commitment to prevent, prosecute domestic violence and provide support services, including the adoption of the Third Basic Plan for Gender Equality that designates the "elimination of all forms of violence against women" as a priority field and recommends the implementation of broad-based activities in an integrated manner depending on the type of violence.

We have 3 recommendations:

- adopt a plan of action to combat sexual exploitation of children, child pornography and prostitution and to provide assistance to victims of sexual exploitation;
- most complexly address the root causes of trafficking and effectively protect and support victims;
- further efficiently address violence against women, through facilitation of the reporting of domestic and sexual violence and providing support services to victims.

I thank you.