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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 UKRAINE  
(Geneva 24 October 2012)

Thank you Madam President,

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The Republic of Moldova would like to warmly welcome the Ukrainian delegation 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 congratulate Ukraine on the submission of its mid-term report regarding the follow-up of the recommendations put forward during the first UPR.

We commend Ukraine for its efforts to protect the rights of the child, including the adoption of the National Plan of Action for Children (2010-2016) which also takes into account the Millennium Development Goals and the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly on children "A world fit for children".

We welcome the amendments made to certain legislative acts with a view to refining the legislation on combating domestic violence, as well as the implementation of measures to prevent domestic violence, including the adoption by the Ukrainian Government a plan of action for the conduct of a national "Stop violence!" campaign covering the period up to 2015.

We acknowledge the commitment of Ukraine to increase the possibilities of minorities for studying in their mother tongues.

We have 3 recommendations:

- ensure effective implementation of the National Plan of Action for Children (2010-2016);
- continue to work towards a comprehensive approach to preventing and addressing all forms of violence against women;
- further ensure, in a sustainable way, the education in the minority languages.

I thank you.