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Statement by H.E. Victor Moraru
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
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Mr President,

We warmly welcome the Montenegrin delegation to the UPR Working Group.

The Republic of Moldova congratulates Montenegro for its election as member of the Human Rights Council. Since its independence, Montenegro has clearly undertaken considerable efforts to put in place a robust legislative and institutional framework, particularly in the field of human rights.

While we applaud Montenegro's efforts to strengthen its system of human rights protection, we also emphasise the importance of effective translation of all human rights standards into practice.

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the efforts of Montenegro to combat trafficking in human beings, through development of relevant policies and programs, *including 2012-2018 Strategy and Action Plan for Combating human trafficking*.

We also acknowledge the commitment of Montenegro to prevent and eliminate domestic violence against children and women, including through the adoption of the *Strategy for Protection from Domestic Violence* and of the *Law on Protection from Family Violence*.

In this context, we note that Montenegro has recognized the need for certain measures of protection from domestic violence aimed, *inter alia*, at improving the records on domestic violations and strengthening the capacities of experts working with the victims of abuse.

Bearing in mind existing needs and concerns, the Republic of Moldova makes the following recommendations:

- 1. Establish a mechanism for monitoring the number of cases and scope of abuse and to strengthen the measures of protection from domestic violence;*
- 2. Provide training for professionals in the institutions dealing with protection of the victims of violence;*
- 3. Complete the procedure of ratification of the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence;*
- 4. Intensify the fight against cybercrime, especially child pornography on the Internet;*
- 5. Strengthen programmes for the reintegration of victims of trafficking in society.*

I thank you for attention.