



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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**UPR Working Group  
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Statement by H.E. Victor Moraru  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
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Mr President,

Let me warmly welcome the Romanian delegation to this session of the UPR Working Group and thank H.E. Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, the head of delegation, for his comprehensive presentation of the national report.

We congratulate Romania on the submission of its mid-term report regarding the follow-up of the recommendations put forward during the first UPR cycle.

We acknowledge Romanian efforts and initiatives to develop policies for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We commend Romania for its efforts to prevent and eliminate domestic violence against women through national programmes, specific measures and appropriate amendments to *the Law on preventing and combating domestic violence*.

We note with satisfaction the opportunities created for minorities in law and in practice to interact with courts and local public administration in their mother tongue; broadcast their own TV and radio programmes and receive funding for projects on education, culture, and youth programmes. We also commend Romania for ensuring in practice that education in the mother tongue is available for children belonging to national minorities.

We welcome the Romania's commitment to protect and promote children's rights, including the implementation of the *National Strategy for the protection and promotion of children's rights (2008-2013)*.

We recognise the strong commitment of Romania to combat human trafficking, including trafficking of children, through development of new policies and programs, as well as through appropriate amendments to laws.

We have 2 recommendations for Romania:

- *to further ensure effective implementation of anti-trafficking legislation;*
- *to fully implement the National Strategy for the protection and promotion of children's rights.*

I thank you.