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Statement by Mr. Vlad Chirinciuc
Deputy Permanent Representative
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Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. President,

In my turn, I would like to welcome the delegation of Bangladesh to the UPR Working Group and to thank the head of the delegation for his comprehensive presentation of the national report. We commend Bangladesh for its constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review process.

The Republic of Moldova acknowledges the Bangladeshi government steps to improve and protect human rights.

The Republic of Moldova recognises the measures undertaken by Bangladesh to prevent and protect women and girls against violence, including domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment.

We acknowledge the measures undertaken by the government of Bangladesh to address sexual abuse and exploitation of children and trafficking in children, by enacting new laws.

The Republic of Moldova makes the following recommendations:

1. Further criminalize violence against women and girls, prosecute perpetrators and adopt legislation on sexual harassment.
2. Combat the sale and trafficking in children more effectively and strengthen partnerships with all stakeholders in order to provide child victims with recovery and social reintegration services and programmes.

We wish Bangladesh success in the implementation of the UPR 2nd cycle recommendations.

I thank you.