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

Let me warmly welcome the delegation of Turkmenistan to the UPR Working Group and to thank the head of delegation for his comprehensive presentation of the national report. We appreciate the constructive engagement of Turkmenistan with the Universal Periodic Review process.

The Republic of Moldova applauds Turkmenistan for developing its capacity to promote and protect human rights. We commend the Government of Turkmenistan for improving its interaction with the UN treaty bodies including through various projects, particularly the EU/UNDP/OHCHR Project "Strengthening the capacity of Turkmenistan to promote and protect human rights."

We acknowledge the ongoing steps and actions of the Turkmenistan Government to ensure gender equality.

The Republic of Moldova notes the continuous efforts undertaken by Turkmenistan in order to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and children.

The Republic of Moldova makes the following recommendations:

- 1. Put in place a comprehensive strategy to eliminate the patriarchal attitudes and deep-rooted stereotypes regarding the roles of women and men.*
- 2. Adopt temporary special measures in all areas in which women are underrepresented or disadvantaged, especially in labour market and higher education.*
- 3. Develop a comprehensive national plan for addressing all forms of violence against women, raise public awareness, through the media and educational programmes.*
- 4. Prohibit all forms of corporal punishment of children in all settings, including alternative care settings.*

We wish success to Turkmenistan in the implementation of the recommendations.

I thank you for attention.