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**UPR Working Group
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Universal Periodic Review of Uzbekistan
Statement by Mr. Vlad Chirinciuc
Deputy Permanent Representative
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Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. President,

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

We take note of Uzbek efforts to ensure the acceleration of equality between men and women, including the equal participation in secondary education and decision making.

The Republic of Moldova recognises the actions undertaken by Uzbekistan to prevent and to protect women against domestic violence, including the awareness-raising campaigns to sensitize the population to domestic violence.

We acknowledge the measures undertaken by the Uzbek government in fighting human being trafficking, including the Law on combating human trafficking and the National Action Plan on trafficking.

The Republic of Moldova makes the following recommendations:

- 1. Implement a comprehensive national plan of action for the advancement of women and to create mechanisms to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the national action plan.*
- 2. Accelerate the process of adoption of the new revised version of the draft Law on equal rights and opportunities for women and men.*
- 3. Adopt a specific law protecting women against domestic violence and prosecuting and punishing the perpetrators.*
- 4. Increase international, regional and bilateral cooperation to prevent trafficking and to prosecute and punish traffickers.*

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

I thank you.