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**Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
Delivered by H.E. Victor Moraru, Ambassador, Permanent Representative
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Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova warmly welcomes H.E. Ms. Helena Dalli and the Maltese delegation to the UPR Working Group.

We commend Malta for its exemplary human rights record and for its strong commitment to promote the human rights domestically and internationally.

We applaud Malta for its constructive engagement with the UPR mechanism. Since the last UPR review, Malta has taken significant steps to implement the recommendations and made progress in many areas.

In particular, we note the adoption of the first National Action Plan on combating trafficking in human beings in 2011 and the setting up of the Human Trafficking Monitoring Committee.

We also recognize the actions taken to enhance participation of women in the labour market and to strengthen the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality. We observe however that certain inequalities still need to be addressed.

The Republic of Moldova positively notes the drafting of the National Children Policy and extensive consultations conducted in this regard and would like to encourage the Government of Malta to finalize, adopt and implement the concerned Policy.

The Republic of Moldova would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1. To improve identification of victims of trafficking in human beings, by establishing an efficient inter-agency mechanism of identification and referral of such cases;*
- 2. To strengthen efforts for providing appropriate assistance to victims of trafficking in human beings and disseminate information on their right to compensation and ways to access it;*
- 3. To further undergo awareness raising activities for overcoming the traditional stereotypes regarding the roles and responsibilities of women and men in the family and society, and for strengthening the principle of shared responsibility.*

In conclusion, we wish Malta success in the implementation of recommendations of the 2nd cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President.