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

We welcome the delegation of Monaco to the UPR Working Group. My delegation appreciates Monaco's pro-active submission of a voluntary mid-term report in 2012 and also thanks it for the detailed national report and for today's informative presentation.

We commend Monaco for the considerable progress in strengthening human rights protection since the previous UPR review, in particular with regard to nationality law, assistance and protection to victims of domestic violence, children's rights and the rights of persons with disabilities.

While acknowledging the adoption in 2011 of the *Act on the prevention and punishment of specific forms of violence*, we would appreciate receiving more information on its application in practice and the number of decisions to protect victims issued by the judicial authorities in the recent years.

Furthermore, the Republic of Moldova positively notes the establishment of the *Office of Minister for Appeals and Mediation* and, being aware of the concerns expressed by certain UN Treaty Bodies and Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms, we would like to encourage Monaco to continue ensuring its independence and compliance with the Paris Principles.

We recognize Monaco's efforts to prevent abuse against children, particularly the recent launch of the Council of Europe's "One in Five" campaign. In this respect, we would be interested to learn whether the Monegasque authorities envisage ratifying the Council of Europe's *Lanzarote Convention* and the Council of Europe's *Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings*.

Finally, we praise the Monegasque authorities for sharing their experience and good practices in implementing UPR recommendations and invite them to do so during the upcoming French-speaking trans-regional seminar on the Universal Periodic Review.

In conclusion, Mr. President, we recommend Monaco:

- To adopt the pending legislation on harassment and violence in the workplace and continue to ensure protection of non-Monegasque workers from any form of discrimination, including in terms of access to social and health services;

I thank you.