



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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**Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova
Delivered by Ms. Olga Bogdan, Second Secretary
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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Chile to the UPR Working Group. My delegation appreciates Chile's pro-active submission of a voluntary mid-term report in 2009 and also thanks it for today's informative presentation of the national report.

We note with appreciation Chile's legal and institutional progress achieved since the first review, in particular the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles; as well as the adoption of the *Law regarding trafficking in persons*, the *Civic Participation Act*, and the *Equal Opportunities Plan 2011-2020* among others.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova welcomes Chile's commitment to create the Office of the Under-Secretary for Human Rights, within the future Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, and encourages it to expedite this process, with a view to adopting a comprehensive National Human Rights Action Plan with time-bound benchmarks of implementation.

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

1. *To take necessary measures for establishing a specialized juvenile justice system and continue efforts for reintegration of former child offenders in the society, in compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child;*
2. *To adopt legislation that criminalizes domestic violence and sanctions sexual harassment as a criminal offence, in accordance with the CEDAW provisions.*

I thank you.