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

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the delegation of Cyprus to the UPR Working Group.

We commend Cyprus's commitment to democracy and its strong record on human rights.

We note with appreciation the implementation of the 2010-2013 National Action Plans *for the prevention and combating of domestic violence* and, respectively, *for the integration of third-country nationals legally residing in Cyprus*. From this perspective, we invite the delegation of Cyprus to share the assessed impact of measures undertaken under these Action Plans.

We would be also interested to learn about the current state of enacting the draft laws on children's rights, namely the *Bill on welfare, care and protection of children* and the *Adoption Bill*.

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the progressive measures targeted at combating trafficking in human beings, including the adoption of a comprehensive anti-trafficking law, strengthening cross-border cooperation and awareness-raising activities to prevent and fight this scourge.

While positively noting the actions aimed at enhancing migrants' awareness of their rights and their access to legal aid, we note the continued vulnerability of domestic workers, most of whom are migrant women.

Bearing in mind these issues, we recommend Cyprus:

- 1. To ensure effective protection against abuse of domestic workers and guarantee their right to just and favourable conditions of work;*
- 2. To ensure universal access to health care and services for all women, in particular migrant and elderly women.*

In conclusion, Mr. President, we wish success to Cyprus in the implementation of the cycle II UPR recommendations.

I thank you, Mr President.