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

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova welcomes the Minister of Justice and the delegation of New Zealand and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We applaud New Zealand for all efforts undertaken since the first review in accordance with its longstanding tradition of promoting and protecting human rights.

We also welcome the commitment to work in close consultation with the Human Rights Commission and other stakeholders for developing the 2nd National Human Rights Action Plan, on the basis of the current UPR Process.

The Republic of Moldova regrets the impact of the Canterbury earthquakes on its population and recognizes the priority given by the Government to ensuring that the human rights implications are taken into account in the final phase of the recovery and rebuilding process.

While recognizing the efforts undertaken to address the needs of vulnerable and at-risk children, we would be interested to learn whether New Zealand considers the possibility of gradually withdrawing its reservations to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In conclusion, Mr. President, the Republic of Moldova recommends New Zealand to *ensure appropriate implementation of the Family Court Proceedings Reform Bill, in particular with regard to issuing immediate protection for victims of domestic abuse.*

I thank you.