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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,

Allow me to warmly welcome H.E. Mr. Peter Javorčik, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, and the Slovak delegation to the UPR Working Group.

The Republic of Moldova commends the Slovak Government for the remarkable progress in advancing its human rights record.

We particularly recognize the commitment to adopt a comprehensive *National Strategy for the promotion of human rights* that would reflect international recommendations, as well as thematic plans in the area of children's rights, migration and human rights education.

While positively noting the efforts to incorporate the gender perspective in policies at all levels, we would be interested to learn more about the results of the *2009-2013 National Gender Equality Strategy*, particularly with regard to the promotion of women participation in decision-making positions in both the public and private sectors.

The Republic of Moldova welcomes the adoption and implementation of multiannual *National Programmes on combating trafficking in human beings*, but shares the approach of Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms that the identification of victims of trafficking, including child victims, could be improved.

Finally, we praise Slovakia for sharing their experience and good practices with regard to human rights protection, education, good governance and strengthening of the civil society, and invite them to continue to do so.

In conclusion, Mr. President, we recommend Slovakia:

1. *To improve identification of victims of trafficking in human beings by setting up a coherent national mechanism of identification and referral of such cases;*
2. *To ensure that child victims of offences under OP-CRC-SC are provided with assistance, including social reintegration and physical and psychological recovery.*

I thank you, Mr President.