



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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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 welcome the delegation of Uruguay to the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of the National Report.

The Republic of Moldova commends the Government of Uruguay for its steady cooperation with the human rights mechanisms as well for the ratification of a number of international core instruments since the first review.

We positively note the actions undertaken, as well as further voluntary commitments in the area of education, administration of justice, children's and women's rights.

We particularly welcome the adoption of the *National Strategy for Children and Adolescents 2010-2030*, the ongoing efforts to combat sexual exploitation of children and child labor, and the increase of budgetary allocations in education.

While recognizing the overall progress to improve conditions in the prison system, we are concerned of reports that detention is still the most commonly used precautionary measure and that the juvenile justice system has not become more specialized. We share the view of certain Treaty Bodies that deprivation of liberty should be used only as a measure of last resort and always taking into account the best interest of the child.

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

- 1. To strengthen its specialized juvenile justice system and promote alternative measures to deprivation of liberty, with a view to the full reintegration of the child into the society.*
- 2. To introduce necessary reforms in the education system for reducing school dropout rates, particularly in secondary education.*

I thank you.