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Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova Delivered by Ms. Olga Bogdan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary (Geneva, 5 February 2014)

Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Viet Nam to the UPR Working Group.

The Republic of Moldova recognizes the efforts undertaken by Viet Nam since the first review, particularly the consultation process on proposed amendments to the Constitution, reducing the number of crimes subject to death penalty, the adoption of the *Law against Human Trafficking* and the *National Program on Children Protection*, among others. In this context, we would like to invite the delegation to elaborate on protection services provided to child victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

We share the view of Treaty Bodies regarding the need of expediting the judicial reform and strengthening the juvenile justice system.

Bearing in mind those mentioned above, we recommend Viet Nam:

1. To undertake measures targeted at vulnerable groups, particularly children, in order to prevent trafficking in human beings for labor and sexual exploitation;

2. To develop alternative measures to deprivation of child's liberty and provide children with rehabilitation and reintegration programs;

I thank you, Mr President.