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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,

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan to the UPR Working Group and commends the efforts undertaken by Kyrgyzstan since the first review to strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks for the protection of human rights.

We welcome, in particular, the incorporation of significant provisions on human rights in the new Constitution, the establishment of the Human Rights Coordination Council and the adoption of strategic documents in the areas of trafficking, children's rights and education.

While recognizing the actions under the ongoing justice sector reform, we would be interested to learn more about the progress achieved in establishing a juvenile justice system in compliance with international standards and the preliminary results of the *State Programme on Justice for Children 2014–2018*.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova also acknowledges the significant measures undertaken to combat violence against women, including domestic violence and bride-kidnapping. However, we share concerns of Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies that the problem remains widespread and underreported by victims due to fear of social exclusion.

Bearing in mind the existing needs and issues, the Republic of Moldova recommends:

- 1. To strengthen mechanisms to detect, investigate and punish cases of gender-based violence and bride kidnapping, train law enforcement officials to deal with such cases and provide legal and medical support to victims.*

I thank you, Mr. President.