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**Delivered by H.E. Victor Moraru, Ambassador, Permanent Representative**

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Mr. President,

Let me welcome the distinguished delegation of Spain to the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of the National Report.

The Republic of Moldova commends Spain for its firm commitment to promote human rights both domestically and internationally.

We positively note the significant steps taken by the Spanish authorities to combat human trafficking, in particular the establishment of an inter-agency coordination mechanism and the adoption of pertinent amendments to the Criminal Code. In this context, we would be interested to learn more about the progress in the preparation of the second Integrated Plan against Trafficking for Purposes of Sexual Exploitation.

We are also appreciative of Spain's efforts aimed at the protection of the human rights of migrants. We echo however the special procedures' concerns regarding the need to provide adequate funding for migrants' integration policies, including within the Support Fund for the Reception and Integration of Immigrants.

Bearing in mind the issues in this area, we recommend Spain *to pursue actions targeted at enforcing access to health care services and legal aid to vulnerable groups, including migrants regardless of their migration status.*

I thank you, Mr. President.