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

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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished Georgian delegation to the UPR Working Group and thank the head of delegation for the detailed national report and for today's informative presentation.

The Republic of Moldova commends Georgia for the significant progress achieved since the first review and for the highly cooperative approach to the UPR and other human rights processes, as proven by its recent election to the Human Rights Council.

The Georgia's efforts to promote the human rights in the areas where it is prevented to exercise full control are also noted with sympathy. Those efforts should be further continued, including with international support.

We positively note the adoption of the National Human Rights Strategy and well coordinated state actions in the area of human rights at the policymaking and institutional levels.

We recognize the results achieved in the areas of minorities' integration, juvenile justice, combating torture and treatment of prisoners.

Furthermore, we positively note the criminalization of domestic violence in 2012 and the adoption of the *National Action Plan on the elimination of domestic violence 2013-2015*.

We echo however concerns regarding the prevalence of this issue and recommend Georgia to *reinforce the capacities of professionals in the identification, referral and protection of victims of gender-based violence and to provide legal and medical support to victims*.

While underscoring the need of protecting and promoting human rights throughout its national territory, we also recommend Georgia to *intensify engagement with the international community for ensuring access of international human rights monitoring mechanisms to the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia*.

In conclusion, we wish Georgia success in the implementation of recommendations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President.