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**Intervention by Permanent Representative of Ukraine,**

**Ambassador Yurii Klymenko**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova and thanks for presentation of the National report.

We would like to commend the achievements of the Government of Moldova since the first UPR cycle, in particular such as strengthening the legislative framework and practice in combating torture, that had resulted in the steady decrease in the number of complaints of torture and other ill-treatment; the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2011-2014.

It is also important to mention that the improved, fully independent judiciary system is undoubtedly one of the keys to the protection and promotion of human rights in all areas.

Wewould like **to recommend** the Government of the Republic of Moldova:

- to continue the justice reform process by working out a Justice Sector Reform Strategy for the period after 2016;

- to ensure proper implementation of the legislation on the promotion and protection of the rights, including linguistic rights, of individuals belonging to national minorities.

**Thank you.**