**Statement by Hungary**

**26th Session of the UPR Working Group, 4 November 2016**

Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova and thanks for the detailed national report and update. We appreciate that in line with the recommendations received in the first UPR cycle a new Law on Ensuring Equality was adopted in Moldova in 2012. We welcome the Government Strategy on Child Protection 2014-2020 and the decision to set up an inter-institutional working group to revise and improve Criminal Code provisions addressing hate crimes.

As the main sponsor of the resolution on reprisals Hungary supports the recommendations of the SPT that the national torture preventive mechanism strengthen protection of persons who provided information to the Subcommittee.

We recommend implementing the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on minority issues to promote linguistic rights of minorities and to take the necessary measures to guarantee quality education in bothmother tongue and State language.

Education is key for future generations. Therefore, Hungary recommends strengthening the fundamental principles of equality and non-discrimination within the education system. Hungary also recommends eliminating barriers preventing access of children with disabilities to the education system.

While noting the high level education of women and girls in the Republic of Moldova, Hungary recommends the encouragement of young women to choose non-traditional fields of study and professions. We also invite the Government to take steps to address and eliminate disparity in remuneration for women and men.

 Thank you, Mr. President!