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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova and the presentation of its second national report. We appreciates the broad consultations and inclusive process in the preparation of its national report.

My delegation is encouraged by the improvements in the structure and funding allocation for the People’s Advocate, Moldova’s national human rights institution.

We note that the current national human rights action plan of Moldova incorporates the recommendations received during the 1st cycle of UPR. We urge Moldova to continue this good practice.

The Philippines welcomes Moldova’s ratification of several ILO conventions and its demonstrated leadership in migration discourse. We are however concern that Moldova suspended the ongoing process of ratification of ICMRW and other international human rights treaties.

My delegation is also concern about the civil society report that only half of Roma children had attended primary and secondary education due to lack of financial capability to support children’s education, discriminatory school environment and early marriages. We urge Moldova to implement measures to promote effective access to education and combat absenteeism and school drop outs among Roma children, especially among girls.

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Continue the process towards the ratification of the ICRMW and ILO Convention 189; and
2. Fully fund its national human rights action plan.

Finally Mr. President, we wish Moldova success in the implementation of its accepted UPR recommendations. Thank you, Mister President. END