**UPR Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of Russia**

**Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova**

(*Geneva, 13 November 2023)*

Thank you, Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova took note of the national report presented by the Russian Federation.

Moldova is deeply concerned about the deterioration of the human rights situation in the country and the crackdown on civil society and attacks against journalists and human rights defenders. We would also like to express concern regarding the environment of impunity in the Russian Federation involving excessive use of force, arbitrary detentions, and various methods of coercion and intimidation.

Republic of Moldova would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Undertake all necessary measures in order to respect and ensure freedom of opinion and expression, peaceful assembly and association, including to remove legislative amendments restricting these rights and liberties and end prosecution and persecution of individuals and organizations based on this legislation.
2. Adopt legislation clearly regulating gender-based violence, sexual violence, and rape, and ensure protection and support services to victims of gender-based violence
3. Ratify the Istanbul Convention.
4. Immediately end the human rights violations and abuses and violations of international humanitarian law in Ukraine.
5. Execute without delay the decisions and judgments in individual cases of the European Court of Human Rights.

To conclude, we reiterate the importance of the implementation of the recommendations made during the UPR cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President.