**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

***Adoption of the UPR Report of Georgia***

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

**Delivered by Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Permanent Representative**

 **(*Geneva, 26 January 2021)***

Madame President,

First of all, we would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Georgia and thank them for the updated information provided today and the constructive engagement with the UPR process.

The Republic of Moldova commends Georgia for the significant progress achieved since the 2nd UPR cycle. We welcome the constitutional amendments with a view to ensuring equality of women and men, as well as Georgia’s accession to the Istanbul Convention and the subsequent harmonization of the national legislation in order to ensure full compliance with the Convention.

We positively note the extended mandate of the Office of the Public Defender, especially the functions under the new anti-discrimination legislation, as well as relating to the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and the elimination of torture and other degrading punishments or treatments.

In a constructive spirit, the Republic of Moldova would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To continue efforts for the development of the Human Rights Action Plan and Strategy 2021+ in a consultative manner;
2. To further mobilize efforts with the international community to ensure unimpeded access of international human rights and humanitarian organizations to the Georgian regions of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali/South Ossetia.

Finally, the Republic of Moldova wishes Georgia a successful review.

I thank you, Madame President.