**UPR Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of Hungary**

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

 (*Geneva, 2 November 2021)*

Madame President,

The Republic of Moldova warmly welcomes the Hungarian delegation to the UPR Working Group.

We commend the efforts taken by the Hungarian Government to implement the recommendations made during the previous UPR exercise and to advance its human rights agenda.

To this end, Republic of Moldova would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To undertake steps in order to effectively prevent and combat racist hate speech and racial discrimination.
2. To increase women representation in the political life and in senior positions in the public administration as well as to prevent and combat women’s stereotyping and discrimination, including sexist rhetoric.
3. To strengthen the legal framework for the protection of women against domestic and sexual violence and consider ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

In conclusion, we wish Hungary a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you, Madame President.