Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, President.

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Moldova and thanks it for its National Report.

Lithuania notes Moldova’s progress in promoting and protecting human rights. However, we remain deeply concerned by the continued repression of human rights in *Transnistria* and underline the responsibility of the occupying power of *Transnistria* for all human rights violations.

Lithuania wishes to offer Moldova the following recommendations:

* To ratify the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (ICPPED) and the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (OP-CRPD).
* To strengthen independence of the judiciary system by ensuring transparency of appointment of judges, combating corruption and eliminating connections to organised crime.
* To take concrete steps to improve conditions in prisons and detention facilities in line with the *Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* (CAT) and the *Nelson Mandela Rules*.
* To develop and implement policies and programs to facilitate integration of women in the labour market and to reduce gender pay gap.
* To ensure strengthening of freedom of expression online and offline, as well as media pluralism and transparency of media ownership.

We wish Moldova a successful review.

Thank you.