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Georgia welcomes the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova and thanks the Head of Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We appreciate the Republic of Moldova’s measures to implement recommendations received in the 2nd cycle of the UPR.

My delegation welcomes the fact that Office of the People’s Advocate was accredited the “A” status, recognizing the compliance of the Moldovan Ombudsman’s mandate and activity with the Paris Principles.

Georgia highly values the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2018-2022.

Georgia also commends the Government of the Republic of Moldova for the measures enhancing the national human rights framework, including the establishment of the National Human Rights Council and the Permanent Secretariat for Human Rights.

 We also appreciate the positive steps of the Government to promote Women’s rights and gender equality.

With this in mind, we would like to recommend to the Republic of Moldova:

* To implement further measures to combat trafficking in persons and strengthen victim protection and support**.**
* To continue with measures that contribute to the realization of the rights of the national minorities.

We wish the Republic of Moldova a successful review.