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**REVIEW OF MOLDOVA**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

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We welcome the delegation of Moldova and thank them for their presentation.

We welcome the steps taken to develop a national legal and institutional framework, including the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2018-2022 and the establishment of National Human Rights Council.

Gagauzia is a special bridge of friendship between Turkey and Moldova. We welcome the adoption of two draft laws on Gagauzia’s status at the Parliament in December 2020.

We believe that the adoption of the third draft law will be a key step in the well-functioning of the autonomy in the region.

We **recommend** Moldova to;

1. Promote ongoing efforts related to the improvement of electoral processes.
2. Continue the efforts to fight against hate speech and all forms of discrimination.
3. Enhance the measures for protection of the rights of children and persons with disabilities.

We wish Moldova a successful review during its 3rd UPR.

Thank you.