**Universal Periodic Review – 40th session**

**Republic of Moldova**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 28 January 2022*

*Mr/Ms President,*

Poland would like to thank the Republic of Moldova for participation in the UPR process, Poland recommends to Moldova:

* **to ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on communications procedure;**
* **to adopt a comprehensive and effective monitoring system in neuropsychological residential institutions and psychiatric hospitals with a view to eliminate any instances of abuse and ill-treatment of their residents;**
* **to step up the country’s efforts to address the situation of children in vulnerable situations, including the root causes of children in ‘street situations’ phenomenon.**

Poland commends Moldova for its achievements in promotion and protection of human rights and the progress made over the reporting period. We appreciate adoption of the present comprehensive National Human Rights Plan as well as sectoral plans. We also welcome the accreditation of the Moldovan Ombudsman with the “A” status, recognizing its compliance with the Paris Principles.

At the same time Poland remains concerned about the high number of children subject to abuse or neglect and of those left behind by their migrant parents. We also note concerns made by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on discrimination faced by children with disabilities and their incomplete integration into all areas of social life, including the education system.

*Thank you.*