Albania welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the UPR Working Group.

We note with appreciation the commitment and efforts made by Moldova since the last UPR to promote and protect human rights, the continued cooperation with various human rights mechanisms, and the signature or accession to several international instruments. We welcome in particular the progress made toward the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) and the adoption of the first National Action Plan on the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (2018-2021).

Albania applauds the accreditation of the Office of the People’s Advocate as a National Human Rights Institution under the Paris Principles, and the adoption of the Civil Society Development Strategy, a common regulatory framework to develop civil society and promote social cohesion.

Albania recommends that the Republic of Moldova:

1. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
2. Further strengthen efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking and gender-based violence, including by providing accessible and inclusive support and assistance to victims.

We wish the delegation of the Republic of Moldova a successful review.