**Universal Periodic Review of Finland**

**Statement of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova**

(*Geneva, 9 November 2022)*

Mr. President,

Allow me to welcome the distinguished Finnish delegation to the UPR Working Group and commend Finland for its remarkable record in the field of promotion and protection of human rights.

We acknowledge the successful implementation of the Government’s National Action Plan on Fundamental and Human Rights and we congratulate Finland on its comprehensive framework for combating cross-sectoral discrimination.

Likewise, we welcome Finland’s efforts in ensuring gender equality such as the institution of the Ombudsperson for Equality, the National Non-Discrimination and the Equality Tribunal and the Council for Gender Equality.

In order to further strengthen human rights and fundamental freedoms protection, we recommend the following:

1. To further adopt effective legislation in order to prevent and combat human trafficking;

2. To further undertake all necessary steps for addressing hate speech and hate crimes, including providing trainings to central and local authorities and law enforcement officials.

Finally, I wish the Finnish delegation a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.