**UPR Working Group**

***Universal Periodic Review of the United Kingdom***

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

(*Geneva, 10 November 2022)*

Mr President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the United Kingdom to the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of the National Report.

The Republic of Moldova commends the United Kingdom for its strong record in the field of promotion and protection of human rights. We eqaully welcome the ratification of the Istanbul Convention by the UK Government alongisde other positive measures aimed at combating gender-based violence, including the strategy „Equally safe”.

Finally, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years, in compliance with international standards;
2. To strengthen legislation in order to eliminate all forms of gender discrimination in employment, including pay gaps and access to fund enforcement bodies.

I thank you, Mr. President.