**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

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**Adoption of the Universal Periodic Review Report of Netherlands**

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

Mr President,

Allow me to welcome the distinguished delegation of the Netherlands to the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of the National Report.

We commend the Government’s efforts to ensure gender equality in all spheres of society, particularly the quota introduced in 2022 to improve representation of women in leadership positions and measures aimed at ensuring equal pay. Likewise, we welcome the human-rights based approach to environment protection and climate action with the aim to guarantee the right to a safe, clean and healthy environment for all.

In a constructive spirit we would like to suggest the following recommendations:

1. To strengthen efforts in order to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings alongside identification of victims while ensuring access to remedies and appropriate protection and assistance for the victims.
2. To implement a holistic and integrated approach to addressing child poverty, including by ensuring equal access to financial support and by simplifying its application procedures, increasing social benefits for low-income families with children while prohibiting separation of children from families on the basis of the economic situation of their families.

Finally, we would like to wish the Netherlands a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you, Mr President.