**Universal Periodic Review of Romania**

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

Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova warmly welcomes the delegation of Romania and thanks His Excellency for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

We congratulate Romania for the steady progress in advancing human rights, including by adopting comprehensive measures on strengthening gender equality and human rights education overall.

We commend Romanian authorities for the adoption on new legislation on the statute of prosecutors and judges, on the judicial organization and the Superior Council of Magistracy alongside other measures aimed at strengthening the legislative framework.

We acknowledge the strong commitment of Romania to combat trafficking in human beings, in particular women and children through developing new effective policies and initiatives.

We equally welcome the implementation of the National Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities *A fair Romania,* and we encourage authorities to continue efforts in order to prevent and combat all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities in employment and education.

In line with the commitment of the Romanian Government to advance human rights both at national and international level, we recommend the following :

1. To continue consolidated efforts in order to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings, alongside ensuring rehabilitation services for the victims of trafficking and exploitation.
2. To carry on measures aimed at ensuring inclusive education, especially for national minorities, children living in rural areas and children with disabilities.

Thank you.

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