**UPR Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of Israel**

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

Mr. President,

The Republic of Moldova warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel to the UPR Working Group.

We commend Israel for the steady progress in consolidating the national human rights domestic framework alongside the strengthening the Ombudsman institution. We welcome measures aimed at mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly the initiatives focused on ensuring better conditions for education of children with disabilities.

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

1. To enhance actions in order to effectively prevent and combat trafficking in human beings, especially women and children, alongside thorough investigation of cases of trafficking in human beings and prosecution of perpetrators.
2. To continue efforts aimed at fighting discrimination and hate speech, both in online and offline environments with a focus on the protection of children.
3. To advance efforts for ensuring gender equality in all spheres – political, social and economic.

In conclusion, we wish Israel success in the implementation of the UPR recommendations.

Thank you, Mr President.