**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

**Universal Periodic Review of Liechtenstein**

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

Thank you Mr. President,

Republic of Moldova welcomes the distinguished delegation of Liechtenstein and thanks them for the presentation of the national report.

We commend Liechtenstein for the constructive engagement with the UPR process and continuous progress in promoting human rights. We welcome actions undertaken in order to combat slavery and trafficking in human beings, particularly the measures developed by FAST in the financial sector.

We positively note the progress regarding women’s rights and the increase in women participation in leading and decision-making positions, as well as in the political life with 3 female ministers out of 5 in the Government. We also commend Liechtenstein for the ratification of the Istanbul Convention and its measures to combat domestic violence and improve protection of victims and witnesses.

In a constructive spirit, the Republic of Moldova would like to make the following recommendation:

1. To strengthen national human rights institutions in order to ensure compliance with the Paris Principles.

Finally, the Republic of Moldova wishes Liechtenstein a successful review.

I thank you, Madame President.