**UPR Working Group**

**Universal Periodic Review of Croatia**

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

 (*Geneva, 10 November 2020)*

Madame President,

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

We commend Croatia for the steady progress in advancing human rights and gender equality, including through the adoption of the law and national strategy on protection against domestic violence.

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

1. To continue efforts focused on preventing and addressing violence against women in all its forms and step up awareness-raising measures;
2. To enhance efforts with a view to ensure freedom of expression and protection and safety of journalists.
3. To adopt the National Programme for Protection and Promotion of Human Rights for the period 2019-2024.

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

I thank you, Madame President.