



**Intervention of Slovenia
Review of Republic of Moldova
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Mr. Vice - President,

Slovenia thanks the distinguished delegation of Moldova for the presentation of the national report.

We commend Moldova for the significant progress achieved since its last review and acknowledge progress in specific areas, while at the same time stressing the accepted recommendations still remain to be fully implemented.

Slovenia would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- Sign and ratify the Convention of the Council of Europe on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention);
- Create a comprehensive policy about violence against women and especially domestic violence that prevents, punishes, and eradicates these issues, especially in rural areas;
- Plan concrete actions which could be done to improve protection of and support to victims of domestic violence as well as to ensure that legal aid is available to all victims of violence in order to ensure comprehensive approach to domestic violence.
- Train law enforcement, judiciary, prosecutors, health care and social workers on responding to domestic violence;

We note that the root causes of domestic violence – gender inequalities, economic issues – have not been fully addressed. While the annual 16-Days Campaign against Gender-based Violence presents a step in the right direction, it remains insufficient.

We once again thank Moldova for their efforts in addressing these important issues.

Thank you.