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**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE OSCE**

**Intervention**

by the Permanent Delegation to the OSCE at the Permanent Council  
on 7 April 2011

Mr. Chairperson,

We also join others in welcoming the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Madame Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, to the Permanent Council. As this Delegation fully aligns with the Statement delivered on behalf of the European Union, I would like to add a few remarks.

The Government of the Republic of Moldova is continuing paying special attention to the issue of fighting the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings that is dully reflected in the Government's Working Programme as well as in the Special Commission created to this effect. During the last years the Moldovan Government continued to register substantial progress in combating human trafficking, including by vigorous investigating trafficking cases and assisting victims. In pursuing this goal Moldovan law enforcement has consistently increased cooperation with international partners as well as has increasingly involved NGO service providers in the investigative process to provide victims care. Consequently, the statistics figure since 2007 till present are clearly proving the substantial decreasing of all parameters of the trafficking phenomena.

Mr. Chairman, approaching the issue of combating trafficking in human beings, we subscribe to the assessment made by USA Secretary of State, Madam Hillary Rodham Clinton, that no one should claim immunity from reach of this kind of human rights abuse, or from the responsibility to confront it. In this context, on behalf of the Moldovan Authorities I would like to convey to Madam M. G. Giammarinaro the invitation to pay a visit to the Republic of Moldova at the convenient time.

Thank you.