

Ladies and Gentlemen, Your Excellencies,

My name is Roman Banari, General Secretary of the National Youth Council of Moldova. Here, I am representing on behalf of the National Youth Coalition for the UPR, where we have submitted, with the help of our colleagues, two alternative reports to the UN, in order to present the situation on Youth Rights and Youth Organisations Perspectives in participation in the decision-making process. The first report is focused on Youth Rights and Non-Discrimination, where we speak on the problems faced by the youth in education system, especially those with fewer opportunities and youth with disabilities, which lack accessible infrastructure. We also speak about the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and how the state ensured quality education for the youth, especially for those with fewer opportunities. We also touch upon the issue of outdoor toilets, which is an issue in Moldova. Another topic focuses on youth discrimination in the labour market, and how the state ensures that the young people are not discriminated, as well as the transition of youth from education to the labour market without being discriminated. We also discuss about the health system in Moldova. We also touch upon the rights of youth with disabilities, as well as youth representatives from National Minorities and representatives from the LGBTQ+ Community in Moldova. As a solution, we must focus on ensuring the proper condition for access to education for those with fewer opportunities. We also must solve the phenomenon of outdoor toilets in Moldova, as well as to ensure the accessibility of the labour market, as well as to combat the discrimination based on disability and other categories. When it comes to the report on Youth Participation in the decision-making process, we speak about the issues related to the youth integration in the process and how the decision-makers use the youth as decorations in their events, as well as the phenomenon of tokenism in the decision-making process. We also talk about the lack of participatory structure at the local level, and the lack of solutions for supporting youth organisations from Moldova. Here we speak on the necessity to come up with a structure, which would ensure participation at national and local level, as well as to ensure that youth organisations have access to support programmes for their activities.