

H.E. Ljubiša Perović

Universal Periodic Review 15 – Mali

Intervention by Montenegro (please check against delivery)

Mister President,

Montenegro warmly welcomes the delegation of Mali and would like to thank H.E. for the presentation of the national report. Being fully aware of the challenges that the Government of Mali is currently facing, Montenegro expresses its appreciation about the progress concerning some of the issues raised during the last UPR Review, such as the development of National Action Plan for the Elimination of Child Labor that was adopted in June 2011.

During the last UPR session, Malian authorities supported most of the recommendations that were made concerning safeguarding women’s rights since it was recommended that the Personal and Family Code remove all discrimination against women. Which measures will the transitional government take in order to bring the Personal and Family Code further in conformity with international standards on women’s human rights?

I would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Mali:

- Pursue efforts, with the support of the international community, for the submission of the reports that were due to the treaty bodies, including the Human Rights Committee and the Committee against Torture,
- Take measures towards complete abolition of the death penalty,
- Provide police, gendarmerie and the armed forces, with clear instructions and the necessary training to act in accordance with International Human Rights standards, particularly in regard to reported extrajudicial executions, torture and ill-treatment, arbitrary arrests and intimidation,
- Enact legislation prohibiting all forms of traditional practice of the female genital mutilation in line with recommendations made by CEDAW and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

I thank you Mister President.