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Mr. President,

Brazil congratulates the delegation of Montenegro for the presentation of its national report, in follow-up to the recommendations of the first cycle, when Brazil was honored to be part of the troika.

We welcome the important steps undertaken by the Government of Montenegro to promote democracy, especially during the last elections, and to foster the realization of human rights. Noteworthy are the measures adopted to strengthen the judiciary system, in particular the Strategy for the Reform of the Judiciary, and the cooperation with the European Court of Human Rights and the ICTY.

We are concerned, nonetheless, with the protection of the rights of national minorities, especially the RAE. We would like to ask whether Montenegro is considering additional measures to guarantee that they are protected from all forms of discrimination and have full access to health and education.

Brazil recommends to the Government of Montenegro:

1. to establish a simple and accessible procedure of birth registration to guarantee that all children have access to it;
2. to make further efforts to promote gender equality and protect all women and girls from all forms of violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.