

UPR 15 – Montenegro – 28 January 2013

STATEMENT by BULGARIA

Thank you, Mr President,

Bulgaria warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Montenegro to the second UPR cycle.

We would like to thank Montenegro for the comprehensive UPR report and for the efforts invested in the implementation of the accepted recommendations during the first cycle.

We view positively the fact that Montenegro has achieved obvious progress in developing an extended institutional system for protection and promotion of human rights through the establishment of several working bodies, among which the Children Rights Council and the Council for Persons with Disabilities.

We further note with appreciation that a National Action Plan for Children is in preparation.

In follow up to the recommendation made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), we would ask the delegation of Montenegro to elaborate more on the improvements made in the country to include the children with development disabilities in the educational system of Montenegro. Could you please share what concrete steps have been taken?

In conclusion, we would recommend the Government of Montenegro to further the implementation of a comprehensive child protection system by investing more efforts in empowering the Council for the Rights of the Child and strengthening the role of the Deputy Ombudsman for the Rights of the Child.

Thank you.