

## Montenegro

### Question

In 2008, Canada recommended that the government of Montenegro effectively implement its minority policy strategy. We welcome the recent update provided on the status of the implementation of the *Strategy for the Improvement of the Position of the Roma Population, 2008-2012*. Could the delegation of Montenegro inform us of planned efforts to combat the discrimination of Roma in the next 2012-16 Strategy?

### Recommendations

Canada recommends that Montenegro:

1. Take steps to more effectively foster the integration into Montenegrin society of particularly vulnerable groups, through addressing discrimination in areas such as education and employment.
2. Take further measures to guarantee freedom of expression, including by effectively investigating threats and attacks on media and journalists, and by ensuring that defamation laws are not misused to inhibit legitimate criticism by the media.
3. Take steps to fully implement the *Law against Discrimination* by introducing additional enabling legislation and strengthening the Institution of the Human Rights and Freedoms Ombudsman.

### Observations (if time allows):

We welcome the positive developments in the promotion and protection of human rights in Montenegro, including the adoption of a new *Law on the Ombudsman* and the *Law Against Discrimination*, and other issues including public discourse of the issue of discrimination based on sexual orientation.