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Mister President,

Cyprus would like to thank Montenegro for the preparation of a comprehensive national report covering the main issues at stake and an indeed informative presentation by []. We have carefully examined the national report prepared by Montenegro and note with satisfaction the progress that has been achieved concerning the 1st Cycle recommendations.

My Delegation would specifically like to commend Montenegro for its efforts to combat discrimination of vulnerable groups. We welcome, in particular, the efforts made towards the better integration of persons with disabilities in the political, economic and social life of the country. In this regard, Cyprus notes with satisfaction the recent establishment of the Council for the Care of Persons with Disabilities, an institution that, we believe, lays the foundation for a more systematic enforcement of the legislation in place.

Despite the significant progress which has been made, there are still reports that children with disabilities face significant challenges including, amongst others, physical barriers, social rejection and lack of support for their families. It is in this context that we would like to ask the following question:

What further measures does the Government of Montenegro envisage in order to better the position of children with disabilities?

I thank you Mr. President.