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Statement by the Indonesian Delegation
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Mr President,

Let me begin by welcoming the delegation of Montenegro and thank them for their continued engagement with the UPR process and the comprehensive national report presented here today.

Mr President,

My delegation welcomes the comprehensive efforts taken by the Government of Montenegro in promoting and protecting all human rights, including amending and formulating legislative and administrative measures as well as instituting various mechanisms and enacting Strategies and Action Plans.

On the issue of gender equality, my delegation notes that the Action Plan has been complemented with the MoU signed between the central government and 14 out of 21 municipalities. Indonesia hopes that the remains will follow suit. Furthermore, **Indonesia recommends that the Government of Montenegro consider the next phase of Action Plan on Gender Equality to include comprehensive and achievable goals to combat discrimination towards women in all spheres of life, including work and education.**

Mr President,

Indonesia warmly welcomes the enactment of the Law on Protector of Human Rights and Freedom in order to strengthen the role of Ombudsman as an independent and impartial National Human Rights Institution. In this regard, Indonesia encourages the government of Montenegro to ensure the integrity and independence of Ombudsman as an NHRI in full compliance with the Paris Principles.

Indonesia welcomes the formulation and implementation of the Strategy for Permanent Resolution of the Problems of DPs/IDPs, which has incorporated the principle of non-discrimination. Indonesia is of the view that this effort could be strengthened by adopting international norms. Therefore, **Indonesia recommends that Government of Montenegro consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**

Mr. President,

To conclude, Indonesia would like to convey its best wishes to the Government of Montenegro and its people in their continued endeavours in protecting and promoting human rights in the country.

I thank you.