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**Italian intervention**

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Thank you, Mister President.

We welcome the distinguished members of delegation of Montenegro.

Italy praises the general improvement in the protection of human rights in Montenegro, resulting from the visible commitment displayed to strengthen the legal and institutional framework in this area. We warmly welcome the National Report, as a model of best practise, which comprehensively and clearly discloses not just the progress made, but also the remaining challenges and obstacles vis-à-vis the full implementation of the international standards on human rights.

We note with appreciation the advancement attained by Montenegro with respect to the judicial system, its accountability, impartiality and efficiency. At the same time, the full independence of judiciary seems to be a goal that requires further interventions. To this purpose, we **recommend** Montenegro to complete its constitutional, legislative and administrative reforms with the purpose to enhance the judiciary independence, inter alia by way of improving the application of merit-based criteria in appointment and recruitment procedures.

Recalling the previous review, Italy welcomes the progress made in the access to education for children belonging to Roma communities, <sup>however</sup> whereas, noting that considerable impediments to their social inclusion still exist, Italy urges Montenegro to bolster its intervention in this area.

Taking note of the new legal framework established to tackle domestic violence, we **recommend** that Montenegro allocate adequate personal and financial resources so that the Strategy for Protection from Domestic Violence (2011-15) and the December 2011 Law on Juvenile Justice can properly ensure the protection of the rights of child and women, filling those gaps that still hinder the prevention of domestic violence and other abuses, as well as the fair prosecution of their perpetrators.

Finally, with reference to property rights, we would be pleased to know which measures are envisaged to accelerate the examination of judicial cases related to the restitution of assets nationalized by the socialist Yugoslavian Government.

I thank you, Mister President