

Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Montenegro



To be delivered by Counsellor Anna Jakenberg Brinck
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Mr President,

Sweden wishes to welcome the delegation of Montenegro to the UPR and wishes to express its appreciation for its active participation and the presentation of the national report here today.

On the issue of corruption Sweden is keen to learn more on how the government is working to ensure and assess effective implementation of laws, regulations and practices adopted to combat high-level corruption?

In this context, Sweden would like to recommend the government of Montenegro to make the fight against corruption sustainable by ensuring implementation throughout the country of laws, regulations and practices adopted at the central level in order to prevent corruption. Measures should be taken with the aim to avoid room for local interpretations of these practices.

On the independence of the justice system Sweden would be interested to learn more on what the government is doing to increase the efficiency of the courts :

How is the government working to increase the efficiency of the courts in order to shorten the time a case has to wait for trial and judgement? How can progress be made more effectively to achieve the goal of publishing all court decisions and making them available online?

Finally,

Sweden would like to recommend the government of Montenegro

to ensure that the relatively new law on the role of the office of the prosecution is properly, uniformly and consistently implemented throughout the country.

Thank you, Mr President