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Review of Montenegro under the UPR

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA**

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Mr. President,

Allow me to welcome the Delegation of Montenegro headed by H.E. Mr. Suad Numanovic, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, and thank them for the comprehensive presentation of the

situation of human rights in their country and the progress made since the first UPR cycle. I would also like to commend the commitment of Montenegro to the UPR process.

Given the fact that Montenegro has been independent for less than 7 years, the delegation of the Republic of Macedonia highly appreciates the obvious progress in setting up the legislative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. Furthermore, we would like to congratulate Montenegro on becoming a party to most core human rights treaties and on fulfillment of its treaty bodies reporting obligations.

The previous UPR for Montenegro contained recommendations on **domestic violence**. In this context, we would thus like to note the adoption of the *Law on Protection from Domestic Violence*, as well as *Strategy for Protection from Domestic Violence*. In this regard, we would appreciate if the delegation of Montenegro could provide more details on the legal framework related to the combating violence against women and domestic violence and on the effects of the adopted legislation.

Another issue of great importance for the entire region we come from is the protection of **minority rights**. While noting the progress achieved between the two cycles, could you provide more details on the institutional protection of minorities.

I thank you Mr. President.