

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW  
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COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: MONTENEGRO  
Intervention by Turkey

Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the Honorable Minister.....and the members of the delegation of Montenegro.

First of all, we would like to congratulate Montenegro on membership in the Human Rights Council (HRC). Turkey is confident that Montenegro will continue its contributions as an active member of the HRC.

We thank the distinguished delegation of Montenegro for the presentation of their comprehensive national report. We appreciate the active involvement of the civil society in course of the preparation of the report.

Following the restoration of its independence in 2006, Montenegro achieved swift progress in promoting and protecting human rights and signed the majority of core human rights treaties.

We are particularly pleased to note the adoption of the Foster Care Development Strategy with the Action Plan 2012-2016 to protect the rights of the child. In the same vein, Turkey **recommends** Montenegro to harmonize its legislation with CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child).

Turkey encourages Montenegro to train relevant personnel on how to identify the signs of ill-treatment and **recommends** Montenegro to integrate Istanbul Protocol into the training of the personnel.

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Turkey notes with appreciation the establishment of local gender equality structures in municipalities.

We acknowledge the Draft Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking and in line with the recommendation of the Council of Europe. Along the same lines, we **recommend** Montenegro to ratify International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Thank you Mr. President.