

Human Rights Council
15th session of the UPR Working Group
Review of Montenegro
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Intervention by Ukraine

Mr. President,

Ukraine welcomes the distinguished delegation of Montenegro at the 15th session of the UPR Working Group and appreciates presentation of the 2nd National Report. We positively note that the report was jointly prepared by the relevant state bodies and interested NGOs.

Ukraine commends the efforts undertaken by the Government of Montenegro for implementing recommendations accepted during the 1st UPR cycle and praises improvements achieved in the human rights sphere reflected in the report.

We would like to particularly welcome steps, above all – legislative, made to combat direct and indirect discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and other grounds and wish to encourage Montenegro to further strengthen efforts to promote inter-ethnic harmony and tolerance among the public.

Regarding gender equality issues, we recommend that Montenegro take further measures to promote women's economic empowerment and their participation in political life and decision-making.

Thank you, Mr. President.