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Intervention by Montenegro

Mister President,

Montenegro warmly welcomes the delegation of the United Arab Emirates and thanks them for their comprehensive national report and the introductory statement by H.E. ....

Montenegro was pleased to hear about the progress in the institution building area of human rights in the Emirates. The establishment of human rights departments in a few ministries in 2009 and 2010, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Labor is a very positive development. Also, we would like to congratulate the UAE for its election in the HRC and express our conviction that our cooperation in the Council will be very successful.

Montenegro notes the willingness of the government of the UAE to promote the role of women in society and to fight against human trafficking, but we note with concern that the discrimination against women persists within the law and remains in practice and that the freedom of the Internet is limited.

Montenegro would like to make the following **recommendations** to the UAE:

- to consider establishing a moratorium on executions of the death penalty with the aim of abolishing it, as provided by UNGA resolutions 62/149,
- to further consider establishing an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles, and
- to consider ratifying the international instruments in the area of human rights including: ICCPR, ICESCR and CAT (the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention against Torture).

I thank you Minister President.