

Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the UN, WTO and other international Organizations

Statement by Special Representative to the UN HRC- Ambassador Zorica Maric Djordjevic

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Montenegro warmly welcomes head of Delegation H.E.Khalof Khalof and the Azerbaijan delegation. We support Azerbaijan's commitments to the UPR process and wish the delegation all the success in the UPR engagement.

We commend the Government's accession to the number of the international conventions and treaties. We welcome its decision to adopt several national strategies and action plans to address maternal Health as well as sexual and reproductive health during the reporting period. We strongly encourage the Government to step up the implementation of these strategies and to fully address the findings of the Special Rapporteur on health who noted that the abortion rate was one of the highest in the world.

We have noticed that The Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association regretted that **no** reply had been received to the joint letter sent in 2012 concerning the 2009 Law on Non-Governmental Organizations and the challenges faced by NGOs.

We would like to know what steps the Government is taking to revise the aforementioned law and to ensure that its revised version complies with international human rights law.

Montenegro makes the following recommendation(s):

- We call the Government to become a party to the following treaties and conventions: the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Convention against Discrimination in Education.
- We call The Government to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures