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Montenegro warmly welcomes the head of delegation. Minister Dipu Moni and the Bangladesh delegation. We support Bangladesh's commitments to the UPR process.

We welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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Nevertheless, Montenegro expresses its deep concern at the fact that Government maintains the death penalty and the life imprisonment without guaranteeing the right to parole. We express our major concern that the capital punishment might be imposed on individuals between 16 and 18 years old. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has expressed its concern on "the limited progress achieved in establishing a functioning juvenile justice system throughout the country". It has urged Bangladesh to grant commutation to the life sentence for offences committed by those less than 18 years of age, to abolish the capital punishment for juveniles, and to repeal the provision of the death penalty from its Criminal Code.

We would like to ask if the Government has taken any concrete measures in order to implement these recommendations.

Montenegro strongly condemns the existence of these provisions in the national legislation and urges the Government of Bangladesh to refrain from imposition of death penalty on people less than 18 years of age.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- We call the Government to forthwith establish the de facto moratorium on the death penalty and to accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at abolishing of the death penalty; ICCPR
- We call on the Government to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.