

**PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UN, WTO AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Statement by the Special Representative-Ambassador to the UN HRC,
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C A M E R O O N U P R

**Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished head of delegation H.E. Mbonjo and
the delegation of Cameroon.**

**Montenegro welcomes the Government decision to sign the Rome Statute
of ICC, as well as OPCAT and we encourage your administration to
complete the outstanding process required to ratify these instruments.**

**We commend the Government's comprehensive action plan to fight against FGM
(female genital mutilation). However, we join CEDAW and the Committee against
Torture (CAT) in urging the Government to enact the national legislation which
prohibits the harmful practices of female genital mutilation.**

**We are deeply concerned with the increase instances of prosecution and
discrimination based on homosexual behaviour and the lack of the government's
action in response to threats for the human rights lawyers defending the victims.
We would like to encourage the government to reinforce its efforts to ensuring
the safety of all human rights defenders.**

**In addition, we continue to encourage the Government to fully integrate and
implement the prohibition of racial discrimination in its domestic
legislation.**

Montenegro makes the following recommendations to the Government;

- 1) to ratify Second Optional protocol to ICCPR, aiming at abolishing of
the death penalty for all crimes or formalizing the de facto morato-
rium on the death penalty**
- 2) to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.**

**We wish the delegation of Cameroon all the success in the further promotion of
the human rights in the country and the UPR engagement.**