

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

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**Statement of Pavle Karanikic, III Secretary in the Mission of Montenegro to the UN, WTO and other international organizations**

**Djibouti**

Montenegro warmly welcomes H.E. Ali Farah Assoweh and the Djibouti delegation. We support Djibouti's commitments to the UPR process.

We thank Djibouti delegation for answering our advanced questions and we strongly encouraged the government to step up its efforts in implementing the provisions of the Criminal Code investigating and punishing the female genital mutilation.

Montenegro commends the ratification by Djibouti of number of international human rights treaties and the abolition of the death penalty.

We ask the Government to take concrete steps in order to amend the discriminatory provisions of the Family Code and to incorporate into legislation the principle of equality between women and men at all levels of society.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- We call the Government to become a party to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
- We call on Government to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.