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**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the UN, WTO and
other international organizations
Geneva: April 22, 2013**

**Statement of the Special Representative-Ambassador to
the UN HRC, Zorica Maric - Djordjevic**

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**Montenegro warmly welcomes head of delegation _____ and the
Columbian delegation. We support Colombian's commitment to the UPR
process.**

**Montenegro commends the Government for the significant improvements
in the field of promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms
through a number of policy initiatives evaluated in the OHCHR report.**

**We welcome the General Agreement on Ending the Conflict and Building
a Stable and Lasting Peace signed between the Government and FARC
that has provided the framework for all the actors to join their efforts
for reaching the sustainable peace.**

**We welcome the cooperation of the Government with human rights
mechanisms through the regular reporting on the implementation of the
accepted international human rights treaties.**

**We recognize that the Government has ratified the Convention for the
Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in 2012. We would
like to know if the Government would be ready to declare the competence
of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance according to the provisions
stipulated in the Article 31 of this Convention.**

Montenegro makes the following three recommendations:

- **We call the Government to become a party to the Optional Protocol
to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights;**
- **We call the Government to join the Optional Protocol to the Con-
vention against Torture;**
- **We call the Government to become a party to the Third Optional
Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.**