

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

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Statement of the Special Representative-Ambassador Zorica Maric Djordjevic

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Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguishedand the delegation of Cuba.

We appreciate Government's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Treaty Bodies and its efforts to improving overall human rights situation.

Montenegro would like to ask if the Government of Cuba plans to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and to establish independent National Preventive Mechanism according to this Protocol?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations to the Government:

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