

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

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Statement by Special Representative- Ambassador, Zorica Maric Djordjevic

**Russian Federation UPR – April 29**

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the Russian Federation delegation. We recognize Russian Federation's commitments to the UPR process and its efforts being conducted since the last UPR.

Montenegro commends the Government for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We welcome the signing of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography (OP-CRC-SC) in 2012 and therefore strongly encourage the Russian Federation to complete the procedure of its ratification.

We have noticed that The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has recommended to the Government to introduce the specific legislation criminalizing the domestic violence. We would like to ask if the Government has taken or planning to take any concrete steps in order to adopt a specific legislation addressing domestic violence. We continue to strongly encourage the Government to add specific provisions criminalizing the acts of domestic violence

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

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