

Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other International Organizations

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2nd UPR cycle – Report of Belize

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the delegation of Belize.

Montenegro commends the Government of Belize for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We would like to ask what steps will be undertaken by the Government of Belize to align its national legislations with all obligations under the CRPD? What measures will be undertaken by the Government of Belize in order to provide specific services for the treatment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities and to increase resources for the provision of such services?

We note that UNCT expressed concern at the lack of timely reporting to treaty bodies, namely CERD and Human Rights Committee. Could the Government of Belize elaborate on what have been the main domestic challenges that have prevented reporting on the implementation of CERD and ICCPR so far?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

1. We urge the Government to extend a standing invitation to all special procedures,
2. We call on the Government to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.