

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> UPR cycle – Report of Chad**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

Montenegro commends the Government of Chad for adopting a national policy against the use of children in armed conflicts.

We have noticed that CEDAW expressed concern about the persistence of entrenched harmful cultural norms and practices, including feminine genital mutilations, early marriages, sororate (a widower marries the sister of his deceased spouse), and levirate (“wife inheritance”, in which a man takes on in marriage the widow of his deceased brother).

We would like to ask the Delegation if the Government of Chad has taken, or has plans to take, any concrete steps in order to amend the Code on the Person and the Family and ensure that it raises the minimum age of marriage for women. We strongly encourage the State to take measures in order to minimize child and maternal mortality.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- We call on the Government of Chad to become a party to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.
- We call on Government to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.