

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

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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and Congo's delegation.

Montenegro commends Congo for adopting several national acts on human rights protection, among them the 2010 Child Protection Act, the 2011 law on efforts to control HIV/AIDS, and the 2009–2013 National Gender Plan of Action.

We note that the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was concerned by high mortality rates, particularly infant, child and maternal mortality.

We would like to ask the Delegation if the Government of Congo has taken, or has plans to take, any concrete steps in order to amend the Labour Law and ensure that it prevents widespread child labour. We strongly encourage Congo to finalize the legislative reform for equality for women and men and to enact comprehensive laws on protections against trafficking and violence against women.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- We call on the Government of Congo 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.