

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

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

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes (head of delegation) and the delegation of Malta.

Montenegro welcomes the commitment of the Government of Malta to the UPR process, which has been demonstrated through serious consideration of the recommendations from the previous review cycle and implementation of those which were accepted.

We welcome the ratification of the Optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and in this regard we appreciate Malta's commitment to providing support for the victims.

We would like to ask about Malta's intentions to initiate changes in criminal law concerning the minimum age of criminal responsibility for children.

We would also like to ask about the main reasons for leaving defamation under the provisions of Malta's Criminal Code.

As Malta signed the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Montenegro makes the following recommendation:

- We call upon Malta to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on communication procedures.