

Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other international organizations

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Mauritius

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Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Mauritius.

Montenegro commends the commitment of the Government of Mauritius to strengthening the human rights architecture of the state. We welcome the strengthening of the human rights infrastructure, including the broadening of the mandate of the Human Rights Commission and the enhancement of its operational capacity as well as the adoption of the 2012-2020 National Human Rights Action Plan. We particularly welcome the establishment of a multi-stakeholders Committee to monitor its implementation.

Montenegro emphasizes the submission of the follow-up Mid-term UPR Report in 2011 and the broad consultation process led by the Government of Mauritius during the preparation of the second UPR report as examples of good practices, transparency, and inclusiveness.

We note that the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children is concerned at the number of children placed in institutional care where adequate norms and standards for care and assistance were lacking. In this regard, we would like to ask if the Government of Mauritius has already adopted/or has ongoing plans, within the framework of the overall National Child Protection Strategy, for adopting a national strategy for foster care and other alternative forms of child care out of institutions?

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Mauritius:

- to ratify the Third Optional protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child;
- to extend a standing invitation to all Special Procedures of the United Nations Human Rights Council.