

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Mexico

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

Montenegro commends the great efforts and progress achieved by the Government of Mexico in legal matters pertaining to human rights between the two UPR cycles.

We particularly emphasize the importance of the comprehensive constitutional amendments relating to human rights, promulgated on 10 June 2011, which fully incorporate the concept of human rights into the Constitution and give constitutional status to the human rights enshrined in international treaties to which Mexico is a State party. In that regard, we would like to ask the Delegation to further elaborate on the positive aspects of these constitutional changes related to the effectiveness of the National Human Rights Commission and the role of autonomous public human rights institutions in the field of promotion, prevention and investigation of human rights violations, as noted in the National report.

CERD noted that the Federal Act on the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination contained no mention of racial discrimination and urged Mexico to complete the reform and to incorporate a definition of discrimination in line with ICERD. We would like to ask if the Government has taken any concrete measures in order to implement these recommendations.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations to the Government of Mexico:

- To continue its efforts to ensure that the new legal framework is effectively applied by all of the country's authorities with the aim that all citizens, with no discrimination on any basis, are able to effectively exercise their rights.
- To adopt the announced national human rights programme which will serve to define and measure the impact of strategies and courses of action for ensuring compliance with the constitutional principles and international standards relating to human rights.