

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

**Geneva, 28 October 2013**

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

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes (head of delegation) and the delegation of the Principality of Monaco.

We commend the Principality of Monaco for their well-prepared UPR and the follow-up process conducted during the previous four years.

Montenegro welcomes your continuous efforts to strengthen and promote human rights through the adoption of legislation on the national level and its consistent implementation.

We would like to ask about your intention to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, especially respecting the principle of universality of major human rights instruments?

We would also like to ask about the main reasons for leaving defamation under provisions of your Criminal Code?

As Monaco signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Montenegro makes the following recommendation:

- We call upon the Principality of Monaco to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.