

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

2nd UPR cycle - Report of Afghanistan

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

We welcome developments achieved in respect to legislative and institutional improvements on human rights. We commend the overall consultative process of preparing the second UPR report with the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, as well as the ratification of several international treaties during the period between two UPR reporting cycles.

The High Commissioner noted that incidents of violence against women remained endemic and women continued to face challenges to the full enjoyment of all their rights. Could you please elaborate on activities undertaken to ensure that domestic legal reforms incorporate international standards, in particular those contained in the CEDAW convention, and are fully implemented? Has the Government of Afghanistan undertaken action to amend Penal Code in order to ensure that perpetrators of honour killings were not given legal concessions?

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict reported on the continued recruitment and use of boys by Afghan National Security Forces and armed groups. How the Government of Afghanistan intend to end the recruitment and use of children by armed groups? In this regard, when will the initial report on the implementation of OP-CRC-AC be submitted?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations to the Government of Afghanistan:

1. We call on Government to establish an immediate official moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it;
2. We call on the Government to end all recruitment and use of children by military groups.