

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

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2nd UPR cycle – Report of New Zealand

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and New Zealand's delegation. Let me thank you for the comprehensive presentation of the national report and the progress made since the first UPR cycle.

Montenegro would specifically like to commend the significant progress made by the Government of New Zealand in enhancing its human rights legislation, institutions and monitoring mechanisms.

Montenegro commends that New Zealand has ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on the Sale of Children.

We would like to ask the Delegation if the Government of New Zealand has taken, or has plan to take concrete steps in order to introduce legal measures to prohibit underage and forced marriages.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- We call on the Government of New Zealand to consider becoming a party to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
- We call on the Government of New Zealand to consider becoming a party to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.