

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

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Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Slovakia. Let me thank you for the comprehensive presentation of the national report and the results achieved since the first UPR cycle.

Montenegro would specifically like to commend Slovakia for the significant improvements in the institutional and legislative framework for human rights made during the period under review. In this context, we note with satisfaction broad discussion on ways to improve the promotion and protection of human rights at national level which should result in adopting the national strategy for the promotion and protection of human rights. Montenegro welcomes permanent dialogue between the Government of Slovakia and civil society through the Government Council for Human Rights, National Minorities and Gender Equality. Suggestions and expertise of the civil society and NGOs are necessary for constructive and meaningful dialogue aimed at improving the implementation of international human rights obligations.

We recognize Slovakia's determination to continue its coordinated efforts to implement recommendations and findings of relevant monitoring bodies, as well as to strengthen institutional framework for increasing protection of national minorities.

**Montenegro would like to present Slovakia the following recommendations:**

1. To continue improving protection of national minorities in Slovakia, such as through institutional and legislative developments. In this regard, Montenegro commends Slovakia for its pro-active approach and achieved results.
2. To continue with activities towards implementing revised National Action Plan for the Decade of Roma Inclusion for 2011-2015 and adopted Strategy for the Integration of Roma up to 2020.