

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Uruguay

Statement by Montenegro – H.E. Ambassador Zorica Maric-Djordjevic, Permanent Representative to WTO and Special Representative to the UN Human Rights Council

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Uruguay. I would also like to commend the commitment of Uruguay to the UPR process.

Montenegro commends the remarkable progress achieved in the protection and promotion of all human rights. Particularly, we commend the regular reporting and continuous dialogue with the respective UN treaty bodies held between two UPR cycles, thereby strengthening the national human rights dialogue and improving the human rights situation on the ground.

Montenegro welcome the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution and Ombudsman's Office and its designation as the national preventive mechanism under OP-CAT. We noted that the Inter-Institutional Commission for the Preparation of Reports to the UPR Mechanism and the Treaty Bodies was established by Presidential Resolution. In that regard, we would like to ask the Delegation to further elaborate on positive aspects of this institutional improvements related to the effectiveness of monitoring process, its transparency and the full implementation of the recommendations?

We noted the improvement in the field of the rights of LGBT persons, particularly the rights of trans-gender persons recognized as socially the most vulnerable population. What further measures does the Government of Uruguay envisage in order to better the position of LGBT persons?

Montenegro makes following recommendation to the Government of Uruguay:

- We call upon Uruguay to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on communication procedures.