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

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***Statement by H.E. Zorica Maric Djordjevic-Ambassador of Montenegro to the UN HRC***

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

We recognize the efforts undertaken by the Government of Ethiopia to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycle, including the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan. We welcome the establishment of the National Council to Combat Trafficking in Persons. Nevertheless, several treaty bodies expressed concern about the prevalence of trafficking in women and children. We ask the delegation of Ethiopia to elaborate on the additional activities undertaken to combat this phenomenon and to prosecute and punish perpetrators. What programmes are put in place to support the human rights of the victims?

HR Committee and CAT noted with concern numerous reports suggesting that torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment were widespread and used against detainees by the police, prison officers and the military, especially with regard to alleged members of armed insurgent groups. What measures has the Government of Ethiopia undertaken towards establishing a dedicated, independent and effective complaint mechanism to receive and ensure investigations into all allegations of torture and ill-treatment committed by law enforcement, security, military and prison officials?

**Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Ethiopia:**

1. to strengthen its cooperation with United Nations human rights mechanisms, including by extending a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.
2. to establish an immediate official moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it.