

Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations 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 Portugal. Let me thank you for the comprehensive presentation of your national report.

Montenegro would especially like to commend Portugal for its active role in improving the UN human rights system, in particular in the area of promotion of economic, social and cultural rights. We welcome the significant progress made by the Government of Portugal in enhancing its institutional and legislative framework for human rights, thereby providing a stable normative and institutional framework for exercising, protecting and promoting human rights and freedoms. We note with satisfaction the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission in 2010, as well as the approval of a number of comprehensive human rights policy instruments during the period under review.

We note that the HR Committee was concerned that, despite considerable action taken by the Government, immigrants, foreigners and ethnic minorities, including the Roma minority, continued to face discrimination in access to housing, employment, education, health care and public services, as well as in participation in public life. Could you please elaborate on the activities that the Government of Portugal has undertaken in order to prevent further discrimination against the above-mentioned vulnerable groups?

Montenegro would like to present Portugal with the following recommendations:

1. To continue improving prevention and combating violence against women, including domestic violence;
 2. To further strengthen activities towards inclusive education of children with disabilities.
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