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Statement by Ambassador Zorica Maric Djordjevic

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

Montenegro welcomes the adoption of the National Policy for Gender Equality and Equity, aimed at strengthening capacities to integrate gender issues at central, local and institutional levels. Montenegro would like to ask the Delegation to elaborate on the main achievements and effects of its implementation with regard to elimination of stereotypes and harmful practices, such as early marriage, and discrimination against women. In addition, what measures the Government of Angola is taking to improve the situation of women in the country and to secure the full implementation of CEDAW?

We noted that the Government of Angola signed several key human rights documents between two UPR cycles, namely CAT, CERD, CED, etc. Could the Delegation inform the Council if the internal legal procedures for ratification of the abovementioned instruments have been taken and when will it be completed?

Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Angola:

- to complete internal legal procedure in order to ratify Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,
- to accede to and fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the ICC.

Mr. President, to conclude Montenegro would like to congratulate Angola for its election as a member to the Security Council for 2015-2016 and would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Angola in their efforts towards promoting and protecting human rights at all levels. Thank you.