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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We commend Bosnia and Herzegovina for its constructive and productive engagement with the UPR process. Nearly 20 years after the war this UPR review offers to all stakeholders a united perspective on the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina through state building based on respect for human rights and dignity to all citizens of the country.

Montenegro welcomes the implementation of the revised Strategy for the Implementation of Annex VII of the Dayton Peace Agreement in 2010 as an important part of access to rights of refugees, displaced persons and returnees. In addition we take a positive note of the increased budget resources allocated for sustainable security, housing, health and education of returnees. In this context we would like to ask the Delegation to comment on the major challenges in ensuring the implementation of Annex VII.

Montenegro welcomes the efforts of Bosnia and Herzegovina to improve the protection and promotion of the rights of the child, particularly through the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Improving Early Childhood Development (2013-2017) and the Guidelines for improving the situation of Roma children. We would kindly ask the delegation to elaborate on the results of the implementation of the Guidelines in combating violence against children.

To conclude, we wish the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its people all the success in further strengthening institutions and ensuring the implementation of policies designed to secure the promotion and protection of human rights.