

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Egypt

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro welcomes H.E Ibrahim El ' Heneidi and the Delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

My delegation commends the Egyptian Delegation for their work in ensuring the implementation of many UPR recommendations, despite the difficult political climate that has ensued following the revolutions of January 2011 and June 2013.

However, while Montenegro acknowledges the difficulties in responding to crimes committed during periods of revolution, Montenegro notes with concern the mass death sentences that have been issued by the Egyptian authorities in 2014. Montenegro expresses doubt that such wide scale use of the death penalty can ever produce positive results, particularly when there is a pressing need for reconciliation.

Montenegro wishes to commend the Egyptian authorities for their work in adopting an amended Constitution on 18 January 2014, enshrining human rights protections that have, until now, not been recognized by the Constitutions of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Montenegro encourages the Egyptian Government to take further steps in securing the promotion and protection of the rights of women, in all aspects of society.

recommendations :

- issue an immediate moratorium on the use of the death penalty, particularly in instances of mass trials; and
- take steps to put in place legislative and enforcement measures designed to eliminate all forms of violence against women, including marital rape, and sexual violence against women participating in protests and demonstrations.

Thank you.