

PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UN,WTO AND OTHER  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro welcomes [head of delegation] and the delegation of Fiji.

We welcome the recent enactment of the Constitution of Fiji, as well as the decision of Fiji to establish the Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission to continue functions of the previous Human Rights Commission established under the 2009 Decree. We noted that Fiji accepted first UPR cycle recommendations on ensuring the ratification of all core human rights instruments within 10 years' timeframe. We would like to ask the delegation of Fiji to inform on the activities undertaken to ratify remaining core human rights treaties between the two UPR cycles.

We particularly welcome recently adopted National Gender Policy. However, we noted that urgent and decisive steps need to be taken by the Government to end violence against women. We would like to ask the delegation of Fiji to elaborate on further measures to effectively implement National Gender Policy and to ensure equality and non-discrimination between women and men in law and practice.

Since the death penalty is still included in the Military Code, could the delegation of Fiji inform on the outcome of the discussion between the Government and the Fiji Military Forces with respect to the removal of the death penalty from the Military Code.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations to the Government of Fiji:

- 1) to extend a standing invitation to all UN Human Rights Council special procedures and to receive those that have requested to visit;
- 2) to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

THANK YOU.