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Statement by Ambassador Zorica Maric Djordjevic

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

Montenegro would especially like to commend San Marino for its support to the promotion and protection of human rights worldwide, particularly the elimination of the death penalty and the protection of the rights of children and women.

We welcome the dedication of your Government to the UPR process and its further strengthening, despite a number of challenges that your country is facing. However, we noted that the reporting to the several committees on the implementation of the UN core human rights documents is still overdue. Montenegro encourages the Government of San Marino to put additional efforts to improve the cooperation with the UN treaty bodies system.

We noted that the HR Committee requested that San Marino indicate the measures taken to introduce a juvenile criminal justice system. We would like to ask the Delegation to elaborate on the activities that have been undertaken in that regard or further plans to do so? What kind of alternate sanctions for juveniles have been incorporated in the new legislative?

Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of San Marino:

- to ratify Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- to ratify Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

Mr President, to conclude Montenegro would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and Delegation of San Marino in its engagement during this UPR process. Thank you.