

Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations, WTO and other International Organizations

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2nd UPR cycle – Report of the Republic of Slovenia

Statement by Ambassador Zorica Maric Djordjevic

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the Slovenian delegation.

We appreciate the commitment of the Government of Slovenia to the UPR process through a consistent implementation of the accepted recommendations from the first UPR Cycles.

Montenegro welcomes that the Government of Slovenia has introduced in its Criminal Code new offences pertaining to the child grooming under the age of 15 for sexual abuse and molestation. In addition, we take a positive note of the revised definitions of the offences of terrorism and trafficking in human beings which gives the courts better tools to address these cases.

Montenegro has noted with appreciation that the successful implementation of the Employment Relationship Act has contributed to reducing the gender pay gap. In this context we would like to ask your delegation to share with us the effects of these and other measures on participation of women in the labor market in both public and private sector.

Montenegro commends the Government of Slovenia for its continuous endeavors to improve the position of Roma population, including through the amendment of the Strategy of the education of Roma by increasing funding for Roma teaching assistants. We would kindly ask the delegation to elaborate on the elements and the goals of the new National Program for Roma to be adopted for the period 2015–2020.

Montenegro makes the following recommendation to the Government of Slovenia:

- To continue strengthening institutional framework for promotion and protection of minority rights in the country

In concluding, Montenegro wishes the Delegation of Slovenia successful review of this UPR and in its efforts to further strengthening institutional framework for promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.