

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Andorra

Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro commends the Government of Andorra for its continuous commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and the progress made between the two UPR cycles. We very much welcome the decisiveness of your Government to fully cooperate with the UN treaty bodies as well as the Government's efforts made in order to fulfill its reporting obligations despite limited human resources.

We praise Andorra for its engagement in human rights work at the international level. We congratulate on the selection of your country for the membership to the group of 16 Champion Countries for the Global Education First Initiative of the UN Secretary-General, with the aims to put every child in school, improve the quality of learning and foster global citizenship. In that regard we would like to express our strong commitment to strengthen our mutual cooperation in the field of promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

We noted that the CEDAW expressed its concerns related to gender equality issue, particularly the absence of a comprehensive legislative gender-equality and anti-discrimination law and corresponding national plan that covers all areas of the Convention. We would like to ask the delegation to elaborate on the activities that have been undertaken in order to ensure that women have access to legal remedies to complain about discrimination and other violations of their rights?

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Andorra:

- to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
- to ratify Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thank you!