

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

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Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro commends Bulgaria for the results achieved in the implementation of the National Strategy for Deinstitutionalization of children aiming to replace all specialized institutions with new types of social services by 2025. In line with the CESCR's observations, we encourage Bulgaria to further improve the position of the socially vulnerable children, in particular Roma children.

Montenegro noted the UNHCR's observations on the increased number of the challenges relating to the transfer of asylum seekers to State Agency for Refugees. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the National Integration Strategy for Individuals Granted International Protection for the period 2014 – 2020. We wish to encourage the Government to continue developing its national policies for tackling the issue of mixed migrations and asylum flows.

Montenegro notes with appreciation that the Government of Bulgaria had established a National Coordination Mechanism on Human Rights in 2013. We would like to ask the delegation to elaborate on the results this Mechanism has achieved so far in improving coordination among public authorities involved in the implementation of Bulgaria's obligations under the universal international human rights treaties.

We wish the Government of Bulgaria a great success in further implementation of policies for promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you!