

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

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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the delegation of the Republic of Croatia. We commend Croatia for its constructive and productive engagement with the UPR process.

Montenegro commends Croatia for its continuous endeavors at both national and international level to improve the position of the LGBT population. We note with appreciation that Croatia is a member of the UN Core Group on the promotion of the rights of LGBT persons. Montenegro particularly welcomes the adoption of the Life Partnership Act in 2014 that has established legal rights for same-sex couples by granting those many of the same rights as marriage and introducing an institution of partner-guardianship. We would kindly ask the delegation to further elaborate on the results achieved in promotion and protection of LGBT rights and future plans in this regard.

Montenegro appreciates the efforts of the Government of Croatia aiming to improve the protection and promotion of the rights of a child, in particular through the implementation of the National Strategy for the rights of children 2014–2020. We note that the implementation of the “Operative plan for deinstitutionalization” has led to a significant progress in reducing the number of children in institutions and strengthening daycare services and support to families.

We wish the Government of Croatia success in further strengthening institutions and adoption and implementation of policies for promotion and protection of human rights.

Thank you.