

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Jamaica

Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro welcomes the legislative measures undertaken by the Government and the Parliament of Jamaica between the two UPR cycles aimed at promoting gender equality and eliminating violence against women and girls. However we noted that several UN treaty bodies expressed their concerns at the narrow scope of prohibited grounds for discrimination, the persistence of cultural norms and traditional practices regarding the roles and identities of women and men in the family and in society and called country to adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination law.

In that regard we would like to ask the delegation to elaborate on activities taken to strengthen efforts to further improve the legislation framework and implementation of relevant policies and programs in the field of gender equality and fight against homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Jamaica:

- to ratify Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,
- to amend its laws with a view to prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you!