

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

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2nd UPR cycle – Report of the Maldives

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the delegation of the Republic of Maldives.

We have noted a significant progress of Maldives in adopting and implementing human rights legislation between two UPR cycles.

We commend Maldives for its efforts to combat child, early and forced marriages, including through being a part of the Core Group on HRC resolution in this regard. Montenegro welcomes the establishment of the Ministry of Law and Gender in 2014 and the adoption of additional legislation relating to combating domestic violence, sexual harassments and abuses. We particularly commend that the Anti-trafficking law criminalized trafficking in human beings and forced labour.

We noted that the adopted Penal Code includes the provisions related to corporal punishment. Could the delegation elaborate which measures have been taken to combat this practice?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- 1) to improve resource allocations for the implementation of laws tackling participation of women in public office;
- 2) to maintain a long standing de facto moratorium on death penalty, with a view to its abolition.

Thank you.