

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 United States of America. We commend the United States of America for its commitment to effective implementation of human rights treaty obligations and multiple mechanisms that provide for regular review of federal and state laws and policies.

Montenegro welcomes the increasing number of states that had abolished the death penalty as well as a steady decline in the use of the death penalty in the country over the past years. Furthermore, we welcome the decreasing in the overall number of death sentences from 95 in 2013 to 77 in 2014, as well as the fact that fewer executions were recorded in 2014 compared to the year before. However, we noted the concern of the HR Committee about the continuing use of the death penalty and about racial disparities in its imposition.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of United States:

1. to establish an official moratorium on the use of the death penalty;
2. to continue to strengthen police-community relations with a view to reduce tension in the community and to prevent any practice of unreasonable and unnecessary use of force.

Thank you!