

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

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Statement by Montenegro

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Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Australia. We thank the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Montenegro commends Australia for the progress in enhancing institutional and legislative framework for human rights made between two cycles, as well as for its active engagement in contributing to human rights internationally.

We welcome the adoption of the second Action Plan for the implementation of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children for the period 2010-2022 and its successful implementation. However, we have noted concerns of several treaty bodies regarding the issue of women and girls with disabilities and indigenous women. Could the delegation elaborate on the concrete measures that the Government undertakes with a view to address violence, exploitation and abuse experienced by women and girls with disabilities in institutional settings?

Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations:

1. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (OP-CAT);
2. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.