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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes H.E. Mr. Daddah and the delegation of Mauritania.

Montenegro welcomes that the Government of Mauritania has introduced several significant law reforms between two cycles. We commend the recent adoption of a national strategy for gender mainstreaming and drafting a plan of action to eliminate all forms of child labor. We also welcome that proposed legislation on combating violence against women defines and criminalizes rape.

We note with appreciation that between 2010 and 2015, Mauritania responded favorably to all requests for visits under the special procedures. We particularly welcome that between two cycles Mauritania has acceded to the OP-CAT, CRPD and ICPPED.

Montenegro notes with concern that homosexuality is considered a crime punishable by the death penalty. Could the delegation elaborate on the measures that the Government has planned to undertake with a view to decriminalize homosexuality and protect the freedom and privacy of the person?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty,
2. To develop a comprehensive national strategy for combating child, early and forced marriages.