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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of the Federal State of Micronesia.

We welcome the efforts made by the authorities to strengthen the institutional and legislative framework for human rights between two cycles. In this regard, we commend the adoption of National Anti-Human Trafficking Law and the plans to review and update both the National Youth Policy and National Disability Policy by the end of this year. We hope that Micronesia will also introduce federal legislation criminalizing violence against women.

We commend the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, as well as the intention of the Government to finalize ratification the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict. However, we are concerned that most of the core human rights treaties have not been ratified. Could the delegation elaborate on the reasons for not initiating procedures towards signing and ratification of these treaties?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations to the Government of the Federal State of Micronesia:

1. To ratify ICCPR.
2. To harmonize the national legislation with CRC and article 16(2) of CEDAW by passing a legislative amendment to raise the minimum age of consent to marriage for girls to 18 years.