

**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other  
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**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the delegation of Myanmar.

We note political will of the Government to democratize institutional and legislative framework for human rights protection in the country. We welcome that between two cycles, several significant law reforms have been introduced. In particular, we welcome the adoption of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We hope that Myanmar will introduce adequate legislation for protection of minority rights.

Montenegro welcomes the ratification of the CRPD and the Optional Protocol to CRC on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. However, we note with concern that a number of the core human rights treaties have not been ratified.

We share concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child about the absence of a minimum age for marriage for boys and the legality of the marriage of girls as young as 14 years with parental consent. Could the delegation of Myanmar elaborate on the measures that it plans to take with a view to combat the harmful practice of child, early and forced marriages?

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

- 1) to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- 2) to issue a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures.