

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

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**UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Nepal**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Nepal.

Montenegro welcomes commitment of the Government of Nepal to promote and integrate human rights perspective into all national policies and development programs, as it is expressed in the National report. We commend the efforts made by the authorities to strengthen the national framework for human rights and encourage them to fully implement all accepted international human rights norms.

We welcome the steps taken by the Government, security forces and law enforcement agencies to implement the policy of zero tolerance against torture, including training programs on human rights, an internal police control procedure with regard to the use of torture, as well as activities aimed to ensure humane treatment for detainees. However, we noted that the Committee against Torture (CAT) stated that torture remained widespread, while the Special Rapporteur on torture expressed deep concern about the prevailing culture of impunity for torture.

Montenegro would like to ask the Government to elaborate furthermore on its comprehensive plan of action, if any, to address a number of recommendations with regard to effective investigation of torture or ill treatment and prosecution of alleged perpetrators. Does the Government of Nepal plan to become a state party to OP-CAT, particularly having in mind that such an action would, eventually, led to the designation of a national preventive mechanism and thereby strengthen national capacities for fights against torture?

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Nepal:

1. to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communication Procedures,
2. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture.

Thank you!