

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Saint Lucia

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Saint Lucia.

Montenegro commends the efforts made by the authorities to strengthen the institutional and strategic framework for human rights, and its commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights.

Montenegro welcomes activities of Government to restrain domestic and gender based violence through establishment of Women Support Center for victims, and awareness raising campaigns and training programs which empowered children and victims of sexual abuse to report cases of sexual offences. In this context Montenegro welcomes broad multisectoral approach, including participation of religious leaders, police and healthcare providers and other public figures. Montenegro noted concerns of Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the child labour in the informal economy and exploit of children for the purposes of prostitution or pornography. We would like to ask Delegation if there is any action undertaken by the Government to effectively monitor the implementation of child labour laws and places of work, and effective prosecution and punishment of those who exploit children.

Montenegro welcomes continued efforts to implement universal health-care coverage system, upgraded quality of health service, immunization coverage and developed reproductive health policy.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Saint Lucia:

1. to ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,
2. to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty .

Thank you.