

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Sao Tome and Principe

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Sao Tome and Principe.

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. We welcome significant progress in providing primary health care services, as well as the increases in Government's allocations for health and education.

Montenegro welcomes activities of the Government to promote and ensure education and to increase enrolment in primary school. In this context, Montenegro would like to ask Delegation to elaborate strategies and plans for the improvement of accessibility and quality of education, particularly for girls, children living in rural areas, pregnant adolescents and adolescent mothers.

Montenegro noted concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the discrimination against children living in poverty and children with disabilities, increasing number of children in street who faces vulnerability to crime, abuse and exploitation, and child trafficking through unregulated adoptions. We would like to ask Delegation if there is any action undertaken by the Government to provide protection and rehabilitation for children in street situations, social reintegration of children victims of sexual abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and establish legal framework for adoptions.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Sao Tome and Principe:

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.