

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Belgium

Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro commends the determination of the Government of Belgium to fully comply with the international obligations in the field of human rights and to improve national mechanisms for the protection of human rights. We welcome the activities undertaken to ensure gender equality and to support women's and feminist associations. Also, we would like to highlight the inclusive educational policy with aim to integrate children with disabilities and children from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds.

We noted concerns of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights regarding the extent of child abuse and problem of street children and forced begging, and we would like to ask the Delegation to elaborate the actions undertaken to identified and provide assistance to the victims, and to investigate the cases and bring perpetrators to justice. We would like to commend the policy of integration of migrants in all communities in order to combat racism, and we would like to ask Delegation to elaborate the actions undertaken to combat racial motivated violence and discrimination against migrants.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Belgium:

1. To ratify the Istanbul Convention;
2. To ratify OP-CAT.

Thank you.