

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Estonia

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Estonia.

Montenegro welcomes progress made by the Government of Estonia in the field of human rights, mostly the improvements of institutional framework, as well as the inclusiveness of national consultation and decision-making process on human rights issue.

Montenegro very much welcomes the adoption of the Registered Partnership Act in 2014 and its entry into force this January 1.

Furthermore, we commend the adoption of the new Child Protection Act that strictly prohibits all kinds of violence against a child, including corporal punishment.

We noted that the action plan to reduce the gender pay gap in Estonia was approved by the Government in July 2012. Taking into account concerns expressed by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the effective enforcement of legislation on gender equality, we would like to ask the Delegation to elaborate more on the results achieved in accordance with five main objectives set in the abovementioned Government's action plan.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Estonia:

1. to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the Istanbul Convention),
2. to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communication Procedure.

Thank you!