

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

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**UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Mozambique**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

Montenegro commends Mozambique for achievements made with regard to the implementation of the recommendations from the first UPR cycle, thus improving institutional and legal framework for promotion and protection of human rights on the ground. Particularly, we welcome the adoption of new Penal Code and its compliance with international obligations with regard to the advancement of realization of human rights.

The Human Rights Committee noted that child abuse and sexual exploitation, including in schools, were often not reported to the authorities because the families tried to get compensation from the perpetrators outside of the court system. Could the Delegation of Mozambique elaborate on activities undertaken towards breaking the culture of silence and underreporting of violence against children in all settings? What measures have been undertaken to increase the percentage of children attending and completing primary school?

Montenegro makes following recommendations - to the Government of Mozambique:

1. to ratify International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

Thank you.