

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Namibia

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Namibia.

We welcome the efforts made to strengthen the Ombudsman Office in carrying out its mandate and role in protection of the rights of the child and, in particular, in human rights education as an integral part of human rights protection. In that line, we also noted improvements in the area of access of education, both primary and secondary, with special focus on girls and boys from vulnerable groups and communities.

Montenegro very much welcomes the progress made by Government and local authorities in access to safe drinking water sources in urban and rural areas, between two UPR cycles. We noted your concern that still very high percentage of population, both in urban and rural areas, does not have access to sanitation facilities. In that sense, we would like to ask you Government to elaborate on the level of implementation of the National Sanitation Strategy for the period 2010-2015 and your plans in future period.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Namibia:

1. to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communication Procedures,
2. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Thank you!