

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Paraguay

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Paraguay.

Montenegro welcomes the progress achieved in the field of human rights between two UPR cycles, both within institutional and legislative framework. We commend the establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism in accordance to OP-CAT, as well as the establishment of the Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch. Particularly we would like to emphasize the efforts made by the Government to launch the Recommendations Monitoring System. In that regard we would like to ask the Delegation to elaborate on the progress made towards better inter-ministerial coordination and cooperation with civil society's organizations and other relevant stakeholders at the national level.

We noted that several treaty bodies expressed their concern about the level and different forms of violence against women and girls, particularly sexual abuse, domestic violence and violent killings of women. We would like to ask what steps and measures is the Government undertaking to improve national legislation in line with the recommendations of the UN treaty bodies to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women, sexual and gender based violence.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Paraguay:

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!