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

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**UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Seychelles**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

Montenegro commends the commitment of the Government of Seychelles to develop National Action Plan on Human Rights, and the establishment of National Human Rights Commission and Office of the Ombudsman. We warmly welcome positive results regarding the equality between boys and girls in the education, and particularly high literacy rate of women. Montenegro commends the comprehensive policies and protection of rights for persons with disabilities.

We would like to emphasize the determination of the Government to protect the rights of the children. We noted concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the sexual exploitations of children and child sex tourism, child prostitution and child labour and we would like to ask Delegation to elaborate concrete steps undertaken to protect children from violations of their rights.

Montenegro commends the continues efforts towards preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against women, capacity building sessions for police officers and social workers. We noted recommendations of the CEDAW Committee and we would be very grateful to the Delegation to provide additional information regarding the investigation of cases of domestic violence, the adoption of comprehensive law on violence that specifically criminalizes domestic violence, including marital rape and the activities in order to strengthen victim assistance and rehabilitation.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Seychelles:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to CAT;
2. To ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you.