

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Solomon Islands

Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro recognizes the efforts undertaken by the Government of Solomon Islands to improve the overall promotion and protection of human rights, against a backdrop of limited capacities and resource constraints. In this regards, we welcome the adoption of the Family Protection Act of 2014, which criminalized domestic violence, as well as the efforts of authorities to establish Anti-corruption Commission.

We noted that there are a huge number of the international human rights treaties which Solomon Islands is not a party to, while the reporting on the implementation of those 4 UN core conventions that have been ratified so far is overdue. Could the Delegation of Solomon Islands elaborate on reasons that have influenced lack of cooperation with treaty bodies? We encourage the Government to seek and to use technical assistance from the relevant UN agencies, programs and funds present in the country and OHCHR in order to strengthen its national capacities and fulfill its reporting obligations.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Solomon Islands Government:

- 1) To ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its optional protocols;
- 2) To ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thank you.