

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Somalia

Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro commends the determination of the Government of Somalia to implement National Human Rights Roadmap and its Action plan. Montenegro warmly welcomes activities of the Government to protect children's rights, recruitment/use of children into armed conflicts, their rehabilitation and policies of reintegration into society. We would like to commend the determination of the Government to response to the challenges in the field of education, with special focus on girls and children from vulnerable groups.

We noted concerns of Independent Expert regarding the violence against women in the family and in the camps for internally displaced persons including rape, psychological abuse, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, and we would like to ask Delegation to elaborate the actions undertaken to protect women and girls - victims of sexual and physical violence and to bring responsible to justice. We would be grateful to the Delegation to provide additional information regarding the penal code with provisions to prohibit the harmful practice of female genital mutilation.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Somalia:

1. To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
2. To ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Thank you.