

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Antigua and Barbuda

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda.

Montenegro welcomes the recent ratification of CRPD by Antigua and Barbuda. We noted that there are a significant number of the international human rights treaties and their optional protocols which Antigua and Barbuda is not a party to (ICCPR, ICESCR, OP-CAT, OP-CRC-AC, ICCPR-OP 2, and ICPPED). Could the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda inform if the Government has initiated accession procedure or has a plan to ratify any of the abovementioned treaties? In addition, we encourage the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to seek technical assistance from OHCHR to improve its efforts to meet its international human rights obligations.

Montenegro welcomes the Government's effort for the education of children with disability. Does the Government of Antigua and Barbuda intend to adopt specific laws and regulations protecting those with special needs or facilitating their integration into society?

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda:

1. to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
2. to ratify Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

Thank you!