

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Greece

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Greece.

Montenegro commends the Government of Greece for submitting a midterm report on the implementation of recommendations from the first universal periodic review. We commend the strong commitment of the Government of Greece to the human rights protection, despite serious consequences of the economic crisis, as well as activities undertaken in cooperation with the National Commission for Human Rights.

However, we noted concerns of several human rights experts at the impact of the economic crisis on further discrimination against the most vulnerable groups, such as migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, Roma and LGBT communities, as well as women and children belonging to minorities. We would like to encourage authorities to continue to further promote the principles of inclusive society and to enhance in particular national gender and socially vulnerable groups - responsive policies with the aim to reinforce the equal access and sustainable services for all.

Montenegro would like to further encourage the Government of Greece to, in cooperation with its regional and international partners, continue its activities to ensure decent living conditions in all reception and detention centers for migrants and asylum seekers.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Greece:

1. to ratify the Optional protocol to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
2. to ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Communication Procedure.

Thank you!