

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Papua New Guinea

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Papua New Guinea.

Montenegro commends the strong commitment of the Government of Papua New Guinea to the advancement and protection of fundamental principles and values of universal human rights. In addition, we commend the open and inclusive consultation process for the preparation of the 2nd UPR report.

Montenegro welcomes the adoption of the Family Protection Law which has established the legislative framework to combat domestic violence against women, as well as the amendment to the Criminal Code thereby criminalizing the human trafficking and smuggling.

Montenegro would like to further encourage the Government of Papua New Guinea to, in cooperation with its regional and international partners, in particular with the OHCHR, intensify its activities to further improve the institutional and legislative framework for the human rights, and its effectiveness related to the international law standards. In that regard, we would like to encourage the Government to fully cooperate with the UN treaty bodies, including regular submitting of initial and progress reports.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Papua New Guinea:

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

Thank you!