

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Samoa

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Samoa.

Montenegro welcomes the efforts made by the authorities to organize inclusive process of consultation for preparing the second national report to the UPR mechanism. Furthermore, we welcome the activities undertaken to strengthen institutional and legislative human rights framework. Particularly, we commend the adoption of Ombudsman Act 2013, broadening the Ombudsman's functions related to promoting and protecting human rights, as well as establishing the institution in the spirit of Paris Principles, thus making it a model for countries from Pacific region. Could the delegation of Samoa elaborate on further activities undertaken to support the work of the Ombudsman, while ensuring adequate funding and resources to effectively carry out its mandate?

We noted the activities of the Government of Samoa towards ratifying the CRPD in line with recommendations accepted during its first universal periodic review in 2011. We would like to ask the delegation of Samoa to provide more details on the current stage of the process of ratification of CRPD?

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Samoa:

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

Thank you!