

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished Delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Montenegro commends the commitment of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly rights to education and efforts to strengthen the capacity of schools for children with disabilities. We would like to highlight the decisive approach of the Government to poverty reduction, and achievement of the Zero hunger and Zero under-nourishment initiatives.

Montenegro emphasizes the activities focused on combating all forms of violence against women, sexual abuse of children and human trafficking. We noted concerns of the CEDAW regarding incidents of internal trafficking for sexual abuse of girls under the age of 18, and we will be grateful to Delegation to elaborate concrete actions related to establishment of rehabilitation programmes and support services for victims, and prosecution and punishments of offenders.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

1. To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aimed at the abolition of the death penalty;
2. To extend standing invitation to all special procedure mandate holders.

Thank you.