

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Sudan

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Sudan.

Montenegro commends the commitment of the Government of Sudan to improve normative framework for the promotion of fundamental freedoms and protection of human rights, with the wide consultations and participation of all relevant stakeholders. We use this opportunity to emphasize the activities regarding the child protection, particularly support to children victims or witnesses in the regions affected by armed conflicts. We would like to welcome strategy to prevent female genital mutilation, as well as the improvement of the opportunities for access to education in isolated rural areas.

Montenegro emphasizes the activities focused on combating all forms of violence against women. We noted concerns of Human Rights Committee related to sexual violence in conflict areas, and we would like to ask Delegation to elaborate the measures undertaken in order to punish acts of sexual violence, and to promptly investigate allegations of mass rapes in different regions. As regards the situation in the conflict areas, we would be grateful for information regarding the humanitarian access to civilian population, and the improvement of the protection of civilians and their objects.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Sudan:

1. To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aimed at the abolition of the death penalty;
2. To ratify Convention on the Elimination of All Forms Discrimination Against Women.

Thank you.