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

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**UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Suriname**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

Montenegro commends the commitment of the Government of Suriname to combat domestic violence, its comprehensive approach and trainings for different stakeholders, including judiciary and enforcement officers. We welcome the efforts with regards to achieving gender equality and empowering women to participate in political and public life. In that regard, we underline the amendments to the Surinamese nationality Act and equal rights for men and women to confer nationality to their spouse and children.

Montenegro emphasizes the activities focused on combating all forms of violence against children, and the media awareness campaigns around the country. We noted concerns of the ILO Committee of Experts regarding the children victims of trafficking and prostitution, and we would like to ask Delegation to provide additional information regarding the efforts to ensure appropriate services for protection, rehabilitation and social integration of children, and sanctions and punishment for perpetrators.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Suriname:

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

Thank you.