

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

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Tajikistan

Statement by Montenegro

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

Montenegro commends the commitment and comprehensive approach of the Government of Tajikistan to promote human rights education programs among all relevant stakeholders. We welcome the reforms of the education system with aim to increase girl's enrolment in schools, access for children with special needs, and financial assistance of the Government for children from low-income families. We use this opportunity to highlight the comprehensive policy for protection of the rights of child, prohibition of corporal punishment of children in home and at school, establishment of Children's ombudsman office, as well as efforts to eliminate engagement of minors in forced labour.

Montenegro emphasizes the activities to raise gender equality issues in society and the strategies to strengthen women's role in society, particularly promotion of economic opportunities for women in rural areas. We noted concerns of the CEDAW regarding the domestic violence, and we would highly appreciate information related to Government measures to provide adequate response of policy and judiciary, medical care and protection for victims. We would like to emphasize the efforts to combat discrimination against religious minorities, and in that regard we would be grateful to elaborate the additional measures undertaken to ensure freedom of religion and tolerance.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Tajikistan:

1. To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aimed at the abolition of the death penalty;
2. To ratify Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you.