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

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**UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Iceland**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished Delegation of Iceland.

Montenegro commends dedication of the Government of Iceland to the UPR process, a high number of accepted and implemented recommendations and its continued efforts to further improve the promotion and protection of human rights in Iceland. Montenegro particularly welcomes the inclusiveness and transparency of the UPR consultation process and an open and critical approach by all stakeholders.

Montenegro welcomes the determination of the Government of Iceland to fully comply with the international obligations in the field of human rights and to further strengthen the national human rights institution by establishing it in accordance with the Paris Principles. Montenegro commends the recent ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We would like to highlight the gender equality policy and results achieved so far and to encourage the Government to implement the recommendations of the several treaty bodies to adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, covering all grounds.

Montenegro makes following recommendations to the Government of Iceland:

1. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on communications procedure,
2. to ratify the Council of Europe’s Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women (the Istanbul Convention).

Thank you!