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

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**UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Togo**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished Delegation of Togo.

Montenegro welcomes efforts of the Government of Togo to improve normative framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, and particularly the recent abolition of the death penalty. We commend commitment to combat violence against women and girls, appointment of cantonal focal points for support to victims of domestic violence, awareness raising campaigns on gender equality issues, and projects on gender sensitive education. We highlight the efforts of Togo to ensure access to health care, particularly maternal and infant care, as well as to provide subsidies for hospitals and establish new health centers.

As regards to combating abuse and sexual exploitation of children we noted concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on trafficking of children inside and outside Togo, particularly from poor and rural areas, and sale of children for the purpose of illegal adoption. Could the Delegation of Togo elaborate on measures for improving legal framework on human trafficking, investigate all such cases and prosecute traffickers?

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to CRC, aimed on communication procedure;
2. To extend standing invitation to all special procedure mandate holders.

Thank you.