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

**UPR Fourth Cycle, Review of the Russian Federation**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro thanks the delegation of the Russian Federation for presenting the National Report and for its active participation in the UPR process.

Montenegro remains deeply concerned about the continued serious violation of international human rights law and international humanitarian law by the Russian Federation at home and abroad.

We note with great concern that the Russian Federation has introduced a law according to which judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) adopted after March 15, 2022 will not be applied in the country. Given that, we join the calls to the authorities to repeal this national legislation, as Russia's withdrawal from the Council of Europe does not release the country from its obligation to comply with all judgments made by the Court prior to its withdrawal.

Montenegro recommends to the Russian Federation:

1. To conduct thorough, independent and effective investigations into the serious crimes committed during the active phase of hostilities as well as during the period of occupation, so as to bring the perpetrators to justice;
2. To fully abide by the judgments adopted by the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Russia;
3. To repeal all legislation that unduly restricts the freedom of expression, including the amendments to the Criminal Code adopted in March 2022.

I thank you.