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

**45th Session of the UPR Working Group - Review of Chad**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Chad [and thanks for the presentation of the National Report.]

We remain concerned with the fragile political and security situation in the country, characterized by intense political and societal tensions and still rising intercommunal conflicts. We echo the UN Secretary-General’s call to transitional authorities to pursue dialogue with all key stakeholders and ensure a more inclusive political environment conducive to a peaceful return to constitutional order.

We are also alarmed with the food and nutrition emergency in Chad, as well as the lack of sufficient health-care and educational facilities, impacting particularly women and girls.

Montenegro recommends to Chad:

1. To continue efforts to eliminate the recruitment of children into armed groups and to reintegrate them into society;
2. To provide support for community-based initiatives, including faith-based initiatives that are aimed at countering violent extremism;
3. To identify and prosecute the perpetrators or instigators of acts of torture, killings and abductions and release all persons arrested during the events of 20 October 2022.

We wish Chad a successful outcome of the UPR cycle.

Thank you.