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

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**Statement by Montenegro**

**Geneva, 24 January 2024**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mauritius.

We welcome the range of legislative, institutional and policy measures that have been developed to improve the protection and promotion of human rights. In particular, the Government's commitment to the political and socio-economic empowerment of women. And to the protection of children’s rights and well-being.

Montenegro recommends to Mauritius:

1. To identify and redress discriminatory practices that perpetuate gender-based violence, and to sensitize the police to identify and protect women against gender-based violence;
2. To strengthen the investigation and prosecution of all cases of sexual abuse and exploitation of children and to ensure sanctions commensurate with the gravity of the crime.
3. To strengthen the independence and effective functioning of the National Human Rights Commission, in accordance with the Paris Principles.

We wish Mauritius a very successful review.

I thank you.