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

**45th session of UPR - Review of Mexico**

**Statement by Montenegro**

**Geneva, 24 January 2024**

Mr. President,

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mexico.

We commend the country’s further ratification of some of the important international conventions and agreements such as the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance and two ILO Conventions on Domestic Workers and Violence and Harassment. We also recognize significant legislative activity and policy development, though still insufficient to effectively address some outstanding issues, [including those related to crime and violence, enforced disappearance, and trafficking in persons.]

We recommend:

1. To ensure that complaints of excessive use of force by law enforcement and military personnel are thoroughly and impartially investigated;
2. To take effective measures to ensure that human rights defenders and journalists are able to conduct their work freely and without fear of reprisals or attack;
3. To strengthen the capacity of the prosecutors’ offices specialized in cases of disappeared persons and redouble efforts to investigate all cases of alleged enforced disappearances;

We wish Mexico a very successful UPR.

I thank you.