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

**UPR Fourth Cycle, Review of Nigeria**

**Statement by Montenegro**

**Geneva, 23 January 2024**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Nigeria and the Government’s engagement with the UPR process.

We welcome the adoption of national actions plans for the promotion and protection of human rights, gender equality and women’s empowerment, and human trafficking. We urge the Government of Nigeria to ensure their full and effective implementation.

Montenegro recommends to Nigeria:

1. To take steps to formally abolish the death penalty and repeal laws imposing capital punishment, particularly for homosexuality and blasphemy;
2. To explicitly prohibit in law and in practice the corporal punishment of children in all settings;
3. To repeal the criminal provisions that provided for punishment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

We wish Nigeria a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.