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

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**Statement by Montenegro**

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Mr. President,

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Uruguay.

Montenegro commends the adoption of the country’s First National Human Rights Plan as an important breakthrough document for advancing the protection and promotion of human rights.

We also welcome legal and institutional development to combating gender-based violence and promoting gender equality, equal opportunities in employment and education, and equal access to justice. Among instances in point are the establishment of the National Institute for Women and the Observatory for Gender-based Violence against Women, as well as the development of tool for tracking digital violence against women on social media.

Montenegro recommends to Uruguay:

1. To criminalize torture in accordance with article 1 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
2. To intensify efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence and sexual violence;

We wish Uruguay a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.