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

**Statement by Montenegro**

**UPR 4th Cycle – Review of Yemen**

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Montenegro welcomes the delegation of Yemen.

Montenegro recognizes efforts of the Government to protect human rights. To improve implementation policies in this area, we further encourage the country to deepen cooperation with the OHCHR and other human rights mechanisms.

We also recognize certain normative steps taken to improve the rights of vulnerable groups, including the implementation of the action plan signed with the UN to prevent recruitment of child soldiers, as well as steps taken towards ratification of the Convention for Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

In line with recommendations from previous cycle, we urge the Government to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

Montenegro recommends to Yemen:

* To ratify Optional protocol to the CAT;
* To extend standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders.

Montenegro wishes Yemen a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.