**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 Albania.

We commend the authorities' extensive legislative and institutional action on human rights protection and promotion since the last UPR, congratulating Albania on the tangible progress achieved in several policy areas. We particularly welcome the development of the legislative framework against discrimination and gender-based violence, the adoption of the National Strategy for Gender Equality 2021–2030, and a much greater application of gender-responsive budgeting. We also welcome the adoption of the National Agenda for Children's Rights (2021-2026), specifically addressing the prevention of early marriages, and the Juvenile Justice Strategy (2022-2026) to consolidate child-friendly justice.

Against this backdrop, we encourage the authorities to continue advancing women’s representation at all levels of public administration and addressing negative gender stereotypes in the political discourse and media.

Montenegro recommends to Albania:

1. To expedite and accomplish the process of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
2. To provide adequate financing for the juvenile justice reform.

We wish Albania a successful review.

Thank you.