**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 Costa Rica [and its presentation of an insightful national report.]

We welcome constitutional and legal reforms that support the country’s long-term vision and commitment to human rights. We particularly acknowledge policies to address the multiple and interrelated forms of discrimination to which women, children, adolescents, young people, the elderly and other population groups are subjected. We also recognize efforts to enforce national policies to achieve gender equality and combat gender-based violence.

While welcoming important steps taken to address the increased hate speech and xenophobic attacks against immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees, as well as LGBT persons, we encourage Costa Rica to continue adopting measures aimed at eliminating such acts and ensuring that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

Montenegro recommends to Costa Rica:

1. To raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and ensure the full application of juvenile justice standards;
2. To incorporate an absolute prohibition of enforced disappearance into the national law and ensure that it is defined as a separate offence.

We wish Costa Rica a very successful review and continued progress.

Thank you.