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

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**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Dominica and its engagement with the UPR mechanism.

Montenegro appreciates Dominica’s efforts taken towards ratification of the core international human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which was our recommendation from the previous cycle. Following reporting remarks of the UN sub-regional team, we encourage Dominica to submit its initial reports to the competent Committees.

We recognize progress achieved in strengthening the legislative framework to protect women and children, including passing of the Suite of Family Laws. However, acts of gender-based violence and child abuse and neglect, in particular, remain concerning. Therefore, in line with competent UN authorities’ recommendations, we encourage Dominica to put in place legislation on sexual harassment, to adopt the national strategic action plan to reduce gender-oriented violence, and to step up efforts to prevent trafficking and child labour.

Montenegro recommends to Dominica:

1. To review section 5 of the Criminal Law and Procedure Act in order to impose full moratorium on the use of the death penalty;
2. To explicitly prohibit corporal punishment in all settings.

We wish Dominica a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.