**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 the Islamic Republic of Iran.

We acknowledge the Iranian efforts in advancing human rights and renewed engagement with human rights mechanisms.

We take positively initiatives to improve the rights of the child, training of respective authorities in order to handle child protection cases sensitively. We encourage the Government to ensure free and equal education for all children, including refugees and minorities, and to support girls’ education.

We express deep concerns about the increase of executions between two UPR cycles, including the execution of minors.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

1. To introduce a moratorium on the death penalty, particularly for children, as a first step towards abolition;

1. To provide opportunities for change for further empowerment of women, ensuring their full and systemic equality with men.

Thank you.