**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 the Republic of Slovenia.

We commend the country’s continued commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights, as well as the progress achieved at the legislative and institutional level since the last cycle. We welcome the wide-range of measures implemented to strengthen the overall framework on equality, non-discrimination and hate speech, and the adoption of effective policies to combat discrimination, especially against vulnerable groups.

Slovenia's leadership in adopting the Council Resolution on the Human Rights of Older Persons and its continued commitment to the protection and promotion of their rights is well recognized and appreciated. In the same vein, we praise Slovenia's prominent engagement in enacting the Resolution on the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment (HR2HE) and in mainstreaming this right in international forums and intergovernmental processes.

Finally, we highlight the country's feminist foreign policy, aiming to promote respect for the rights of women and girls and their economic, political and social empowerment.

Montenegro makes the following recommendations:

1. To develop a comprehensive socio-economic strategy, building on existing programs and policies, to increase the quality of life of Roma, with a focus on community-based violence, education, employment, health and housing;
2. To ratify the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (1961) and join the UNHCR Global Alliance to End Statelessness.

We wish Slovenia a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.