**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other International Organizations**

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Georgia**

**Geneva, 26 January 2021**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Georgia.

We acknowledge the country’s achievements in introducing comprehensive legislative reforms aimed at better protection and promotion of human rights at all levels. To that end, we recognize constitutional amendments introduced in 2017-2018, National Human Rights Strategy (2014-2020) and relevant actions plans, the amendments to the Law on Elimination of all forms of discrimination which introduced the definition of sexual harassment, as well as the establishment of Interagency Governmental Commission for the Implementation of the UN convention on the Rights of the Child. Montenegro encourages the Government of Georgia to continue investing efforts to implement these policies.

We also emphasize importance of taking additional necessary measures to improve the accessibility of education by creating conditions to increase access for children from vulnerable groups.

Montenegro reiterates it call to Georgia to consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Montenegro recommends to Georgia:

1) To intensify efforts to combat gender-based violence, including domestic violence and femicide.

2) To prohibit corporal punishment in all education institutions.

We wish Georgia a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.