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

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Austria**

**Geneva, 22 January 2021**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Austria.

We commend Austria’s proactive role in promoting human rights both nationally and internationally. We note with appreciation that the country has ratified almost all international human rights core instruments. To that end, we reiterate our call to Austria to consider ratifying the third Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure as well as the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

While we highly value Austria's comprehensive approach in tackling violence against women, we echo concerns of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against women on the high number of femicide in the country.

Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations to Austria:

1) To continue consolidating normative framework to effectively combat all forms of discrimination.

2) To increase implementation of non-judicial measures for children accused of criminal offences.

We wish Austria a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.