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

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Lebanon**

**Geneva, 18 January 2021**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Lebanon.

Montenegro takes note that Lebanon had not carried out any executions since 2004 and we encourage the country to keep the moratorium while actively considering the legal abolition of the death penalty.

While we recognize the contribution of Lebanon in hosting of many asylum seekers and refugees, we call on the government to make the additional efforts in this regard, particularly by protecting families and children from deportation and of delays in issuing residency permits.

Montenegro recommends to Lebanon:

1. To ensure that all reported acts of torture and ill – treatment against law enforcement officers are investigated promptly and impartially.
2. To investigate unresolved cases of disappeared and missing persons that occurred during the civil war.

We wish Lebanon a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.