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

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Mauritania**

**Geneva, 19 January 2021**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mauritania.

We commend Mauritania’s close cooperation with the OHCHR country office, particularly in developing a national plan for the implementation of the UPR 2015 recommendations. We encourage the country’s further engagement with the special procedures and the treaty body system as well.

Montenegro echoes concerns of the competent UN authorities about the execution of the death penalty over the large number of offences and calls on respective authorities to limit the crimes subjected to the death penalty to the most serious ones.

Montenegro recommends to Mauritania:

1) To investigate cases of violence against women, in the private and public spheres alike, and to prosecute and punish those responsible.

2) To swiftly adopt the draft legislation aimed at prohibiting the worst forms of child labour, ensuring that it was in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We wish Mauritania a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.