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

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Oman**

**Geneva, 21 January 2021**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Oman. We recognize the country's extensive legislation efforts aimed at improving and protecting the human rights at all levels. We acknowledge the withdrawal of the reservations relating to articles 7, 9, 21 and 30 of the CRC and encourage Oman to do the same with the remaining reservations to article 14 of the same Convention.

Montenegro reiterates its call to Oman to consider ratifying ICCPR as well as the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations to Oman:

1) To improve the accessibility and quality of education for all children, including those in situations of vulnerability, and reducing the school dropout rate.

2) To adopt legislation defining and criminalizing all forms of gender-based violence against women.

We wish Oman a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.