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

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of the Rwanda**

**Geneva, 25 January 2021**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Rwanda.

We recognize efforts that have been taken by the country to improve normative structure for the protection and promotion of human rights nationally.

Montenegro welcomes progress in birth registration both in terms of the legal and policy framework, as well as capacity-building and awareness-raising for increased birth registration in Rwanda. Montenegro notes that the principles of equality and prohibition of discrimination were enshrined in the Constitution, and we strongly encourage that Rwanda repeal all legal provisions that were discriminatory towards women and adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation.

Montenegro reiterates it call to Rwanda to consider ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court as well as the International Convention for the Protection of All persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Montenegro recommends to Rwanda:

1) To criminalize the compulsory recruitment of children in the national armed forces and non-State armed groups.

2) To enact legislation recognizing the full legal capacity of persons with disabilities

We wish Rwanda a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.