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

**STATEMENT BY MONTENEGRO**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Saint Lucia**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Saint Lucia. We commend the country’s commitment to advancing the rights of vulnerable groups, particularly of the persons with disabilities. To that end, we acknowledge the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and accession to its optional protocol (CRPD).

We also value your proactive cooperation with the OHCHR subregional team, in promoting human rights nationally.

While we recognize the country’s comprehensive legislation reforms to address the rights of the child in accordance with international standards, we encourage the Government to invest additional efforts in curbing the violence against children.

Montenegro would like to recommend to Saint Lucia:

1) To continue improving maternal and child health.

2) To continue providing quality education for all.

We wish Saint Lucia a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.