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

**Statement by Montenegro**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Ireland**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ireland.

Montenegro commends Ireland’s longstanding commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights both domestically and internationally. We highly value the country’s active and constructive engagement with the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms, as well as its continuous financial contribution to the OHCHR.

While recognizing the country’s action to promote the rights of vulnerable and ethnic minority groups such as Travellers, Roma, and people of African descent, we encourage the Government to further strengthen the legislative framework, develop concrete action plans, and take effective measures to address all forms of discrimination and vulnerabilities faced by these communities.

Montenegro recommends to Ireland:

1. To allocate sufficient budgetary and human resources to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission to effectively undertake its expanded mandate;
2. To criminalize domestic violence and introduce a specific definition of domestic violence and other emerging forms of gender-based violence.

We wish Ireland a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.