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

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Thailand.

Montenegro notes with appreciation that Thailand is a party to a number of core human rights treaties, its commitment to co-operation with the UN human rights bodies and mechanisms, and its standing invitation to all special procedure mandate holders. [We also note the country’s annual financial contributions to the OHCHR. ]

While considering the significant efforts made to address some of the outstanding challenges such as the fight against trafficking and forced labor, we echo concerns about reports of torture and other ill-treatment, extrajudicial executions and enforced disappearances, with widespread impunity for those crimes. Could the delegation brief on any ongoing efforts to repeal domestic legislation that could result in immunity for these criminal acts?

Montenegro reiterates its call to Thailand to consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Montenegro recommends to Thailand:

* To amend legislation to prohibit discrimination against persons with disabilities without exceptions;
* To abolish restrictions on freedom of opinion and expression in the national legislation in line with international standards on human rights.

Montenegro wishes the delegation of Thailand a successful UPR.

I thank you.