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

**Statement by Montenegro**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Togo**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Togo.

We note with appreciation Togo’s commitment to strengthening the normative and institutional framework in a range of areas to better incorporate international human rights obligations. We encourage national authorities to continue on this path, also by fully aligning relevant legislation with the ICCPR, in particular with regard to national security, cybercrime, freedom of association, and freedom of expression.

We commend the country for swiftly implementing a socio-economic plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for its post-pandemic economic recovery plan. [We also welcome the development of the national social protection policy for the period 2020-2029 with the aim of ensuring universal social protection in the country.]

While acknowledging Togo’s interaction with the special reporters, we reiterate our call to the country to issue a standing invitation to the special procedure mandate holders.

Montenegro recommends to Togo:

1. To conduct a nationwide awareness-raising campaign on the criminalization of child labor, child marriage and other harmful practices;
2. To provide the National Human Rights Commission with adequate and predictable financial, human and material resources to enable it fully to perform its duties.

I thank you.