**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other international organizations**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Brazil.

Montenegro appreciates the steps taken by Brazil to strengthen its human rights track record. As well as its strong engagement with regional and international human rights mechanisms.

The ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Child) is well noted.

We commend the establishment of the National Policy for the Search of Disappeared Persons and the National Registry (for Disappeared Persons), as well as the creation of the National Truth Commission and the Special Commission on Political Deaths and Disappearances. But we also echo concerns about the lack of accountability and encourage Brazil to remove any legal impediments to investigations into enforced disappearance cases (in particular with respect to the application of the Amnesty Law.)

Montenegro recommends to Brazil:

1. To explicitly recognize enforced disappearance as a crime against humanity in its domestic legislation;
2. To expand the Government’s programmes for the prevention and investigation of threats, attacks and killings, and conduct robust investigation and prosecutions of those who threaten, attack or kill journalists and human rights defenders;

We wish the delegation of Brazil a successful Review.

Thank you.