**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 Poland.

Montenegro commends Poland for the wide range of actions it has undertaken in addressing a broad spectrum of human rights issues in the country. Among a number of achievements are social policy and support for the persons in the most vulnerable situations. Poland’s active engagement in the Human Rights Council during its current term in office, as well as in other international fora, is also well noted and greatly appreciated.

We applaud the Government of Poland and Polish society for their unprecedented efforts and demonstrated solidarity and humanity in receiving and caring for the large influx of Ukrainian citizens and refugees fleeing from the ongoing Russian war of aggression. [And we welcome the Government's commitment to continue with an active policy in this regard.]

While also acknowledging a number of activities taken to advance the human rights of vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities, we encourage the Government to continue to further strengthen the institutional and normative framework, and the implementation of anti-discriminatory policies.

Montenegro recommends to Poland:

1. To provide the Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland, in particular its Department of Equal Treatment, with the necessary human and financial resources to enable it to fully discharge its mandates, in accordance with the Paris Principles;
2. To explicitly prohibit multiple and intersectional discrimination on the grounds of disability, sex, age, ethnicity, gender identity or sexual orientation and any other status in its anti-discrimination legislation, including the Equality Act.

We wish the delegation of Poland every success.

Thank you.