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

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**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished Czech Delegation.

Montenegro commends the Czech Republic’s commitment to effectively address and promote human rights and democracy issues in the country and internationally. The Czech Republic's proactive engagement with the Human Rights Council during its several terms in office, including the current one, and with other UN human rights mechanisms, is also well noted and greatly appreciated. As well as its financial contributions to the OHCHR and other UN entities.

Among a number of the robust policy and legal measures taken by the Government are those to fight against discrimination, racism and hate. We praise the adoption of the Strategic Framework 2030, which defines the long-term priorities of sustainable development to improve the quality of life of the Czech population. Also, the adoption of the Policy Concept of Combating Extremism and Prejudiced Hatred 2021-2026, with a focus on protecting crime victims and strengthening the resilience of a democratic society. We further welcome the Gender Equality Strategy 2021-2030, as well as the new Roma Equality, Inclusion and Participation Strategy 2021-2030.

Montenegro recommends to the Czech Republic:

1. To take further action necessary to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention);
2. To continue efforts towards deinstitutionalization, with particular attention to children with disabilities, Roma and very young children.

We wish the Czech Delegation a successful review.

Thank you.