**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 delegation of Argentina.

We recognize the commitment of the current Government to strengthen the institutional architecture and guarantee the full enjoyment of human rights in Argentina.

As for institution and capacity building, these pledges are being verified by, among others, the re-establishment of the Ministry of Health, the creation of the Ministry of Women, Gender and Diversity, and the National Committee for the Prevention of Torture, as well as the filling of certain important positions in the Office of the Ombudsperson that have been vacant for years.

We also welcome the fact that in 2019, Argentina was one of the five countries that topped the Human Rights Committee’s ranking for the implementation of selected recommendations.

We praise the significant progress made in the areas of gender equality and women’s rights.

However, there are also a number of emerging issues and major challenges that need to be addressed.

Montenegro recommends to Argentina:

1. To initiate the selection process and appoint a National Ombudsperson in compliance with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles).
2. To adopt a comprehensive law on juvenile justice consistent with the CRC and international standards on juvenile justice;

We wish Argentina a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.