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Mr. President,

India welcomes the delegation of **Montenegro** and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation.

2. We commend the progress made by Montenegro since its third cycle of January 2018. The legislative, institutional and policy measures outlined in its National Report amply reflect Montenegro’s commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

3. In the spirit of dialogue and constructive cooperation, India recommends the following to **Montenegro**:

* 1. Strengthen its Institution of Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms or Ombudsman in compliance with Paris Principles.
	2. Take further steps to promote equal opportunities for the Roma community in education and employment.

4. We wish **Montenegro** all success for its review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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