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

**UPR 4 Cycle - Review of Romania**

**Statement by Montenegro**

**Geneva, 2 May 2023**

Mr. President,

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Romania.

Montenegro commends Romania for the continuous attention it pays to further expanding its engagement with key international human rights treaties, protocols, and conventions, as evidenced by the recent ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. In support of its implementation, we welcome the establishment of counseling centers for perpetrators and integrated centers for victims of sexual violence.

We also recognize the robust strategic, legislative and policy measures taken by Romania in compliance with its international obligations. The Government’s commitment to effectively deal with outstanding challenges, such as the fight against human trafficking, as well as sexual and gender-based violence, and inequality and discrimination of Roma, is highly appreciated.

As for the previous recommendations, among others, we welcome the decrease in the number of children in residential institutions and the legislative measures taken to limit the institutionalization of children under the age of 3.

Montenegro recommends to Romania:

1. To undertake further efforts to address high rates of teenage pregnancy and the practice of early marriage, including by increasing access to sexual and reproductive health services and age-appropriate education;
2. To strengthen efforts to protect persons with disabilities from discrimination of any kind, particularly with regard to access to education, employment, public transportation and public buildings.

We wish Romania a successful UPR.

I thank you.