**PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGA|NIZATIONS**

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**UPR 4th session – the Bahamas**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Bahamas.

Montenegro acknowledges actions by the Government towards meeting the international human rights standards, including the ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Degrading Treatment and Punishment.

We also welcome elevation of the Bureau of Women’s Affairs to the Department of Gender and Family Affairs within the Ministry of Social Services and Urban Development and call on strengthening of its authority and autonomy to execute its mandate effectively.

Montenegro recommends to the Bahamas:

1. To ensure the full applicability of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
2. To raise the minimum age of employment to 16 years;
3. To enshrine the right to education and the principle of non-discrimination in education in the legal framework;

We wish the Bahamas a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.