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

**UPR 4 Cycle - Review of Barbados**

**Statement by Montenegro**

**Geneva, 5 May 2023**

Montenegro welcomes the Delegation of Barbados.

Montenegro positively notes developments on a number of matters. This includes steps taken by Barbados to develop anti-discrimination legislation and policy, including the adoption of the 2020 Employment Act, specifying 19 prohibited grounds of discrimination, among which are race, origin, colour, sex, sexual orientation, social and marital status, disability and age. Furthermore, we note that the Constitution of Barbados provides for non-discrimination on various grounds, but that discrimination still persists, particularly against migrant children and children with disabilities.

We also recognize the ongoing review of the juvenile justice system, as well as calls for Barbados to expedite the adoption of new legislation, ensuring that the new juvenile justice system complies with the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

And while we welcome the 2019 Constitutional Amendment Bill abolishing the mandatory death penalty for those convicted of murder, we regret that it did not eliminate the possibility of imposing the death penalty, but instead gave discretion in this matter to the presiding judge. We encourage the Government to make further progress in this regard and to consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights) with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Montenegro recommends to Barbados:

1. To ratify the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
2. To intensify efforts to establish the National Human Rights Institution.

We wish the Delegation of Barbados every success in the UPR cycle.

Thank you.