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

**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of the UAE.

We note with appreciation commitment of UAE to work on further strengthening the human rights system and welcome the enactment of an important national legislation.

We also welcome the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution.

In a constructive spirit, Montenegro recommends to the UAE to:

1. Establish a moratorium on the death penalty and take appropriate steps to commute all death sentences to other punishments,
2. Narrow its reservations to the CEDAW with a view to their complete withdrawal
3. Strengthen the cooperation with the United Nations’ human rights mechanisms by permitting visits by the mandate holders that have requested visits.

We wish the delegation of the UAE a successful review session.

Thank you.