**UPR 43 – Montenegro**

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***Statement by Portugal***

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Chairperson,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Montenegro and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Montenegro for its efforts in the fight against corruption as well as for strengthening the judicial system with the recent nominations for the Constitutional Court.

Portugal recommends that Montenegro:

- provides human rights training to police officers, judges and prosecutors on the prevention and identification of torture and other inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment;

- strengthens the independence and impartiality of state-owned media as a means to guarantee press freedom and pluralism.

Portugal wishes Montenegro a successful review.

Thank you

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