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**Montenegro**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada welcomes the positive steps taken by Montenegro, including restoration of the functionality of the Constitutional Court after the parliament elected three out of four vacant judge positions; and the tenth jubilee Pride march in October 2022. We also applaud the adoption of the Law on Same-Sex Life Partnership in 2021.

Canada recommends that Montenegro:

1. Address smear campaigns, hate speech and online gender-based violence, particularly against women in politics and public life.
2. Address the lack of progress in investigating cases of attacks on journalists, to ensure their safety.
3. Address ongoing reports of physical and psychological police torture of persons deprived of liberty, extortion of testimony and the lack of effective investigations into such reports to date.

We are concerned about reports that members of some minority groups, such as Roma and members of the LGBTI community, continue to face discrimination and hate speech.