**MONTENEGRO**

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**Statement by Iceland (48 of 90)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Montenegro and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Remove barriers to girls’ and women’s access to sexual and reproductive health services and ensure access to health care for all women, including transwomen.
2. Amend the Criminal Code to include psychological, economic, and sexual violence, introduce a separate criminal offense for femicide, and criminalise marital rape.
3. Ensure equal access to legal aid and specialist support services for survivors of GBV and domestic violence.
4. Address multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination against transgender persons.
5. Introduce a transparent administrative self-identification process for legal gender recognition.

I wish Montenegro all success for its review.

I thank you.