**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Montenegro**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

**Ukraine kindly asks the Council through you to give my delegation the floor during this review now and add it to the end of the List of Speakers.**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the distinguished delegation of Montenegro and its national comprehensive report. We highly commend country’s commitment to human rights promotion and protection and its active role as member of the Human Rights Council. We express gratitude to Montenegro for its support for the Ukrainians fleeing from Russia’s aggression.

We are encouraged by the country's progress in implementing the recommendations received during the third UPR cycle. We are also pleased to note the work of the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, which has been successful in shaping national policy to effectively protect and promote human rights and freedoms.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Ukraine would like to **recommend** Montenegro:

* to pursue efforts to establish effective mechanisms to identify and protect child victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation, strengthen the capacity of relevant actors and also strengthen the awareness-raising programmes;
* to continue to take effective measures to address violence against women, strengthen legislation and ensure that all complaints of violence against women and girls are investigated.

We wish Montenegro a successful UPR.

**I thank you.**