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**Statement by Azerbaijan**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Montenegro and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We positively note the steps taken by Montenegro in the field of promotion and protection of human rights, such as enhancement of human rights education programmes and adoption of a number of strategic framework documents in key areas, including Third National Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy.

We recommend the followings to Montenegro:

1. Enable the provision of information to trafficking victims regarding their rights and available services;
2. Improve the prosecution of trafficking cases for child, early and forced marriages;
3. Ensure proper functioning of state authorities to respond swiftly to hate crimes, investigate them so that perpetrators can be brought to justice and adequate penalties imposed on them;

We wish Montenegro a successful review.

I thank you.