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**State Under Review: Montenegro**

**Statement by Türkiye**

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Mr. President,

Türkiye welcomes the distinguished delegation of Montenegro and thanks them for their comprehensive presentation.

We welcome significant activities undertaken since the last review, aiming at strengthening the normative and institutional framework in the country for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Decisive action taken to combat discrimination, domestic violence, human trafficking, torture and ill treatment is commendable.

We are also pleased to note the victim-oriented instead of prosecution-based approach in the fight against human trafficking and the plans to expand the scope of protection afforded to victims.

In a constructive spirit we recommend Montenegro to:

1- Further enhanc**e** access to justice by ensuring victim rights, improve support services in this vein available to victims, including to victims of human trafficking and torture, by also considering strengthening legal aid system.

2- Promot**e** tolerance, respect for diversity and a better understanding of human rights in the society at large by way of advancing human rights education both in formal and informal settings.

3- **Consolidate** efforts to prevent discrimination against the most vulnerable groups including migrants and refugees.