**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other international organizations**

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Burundi**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Burundi and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

Montenegro expresses its concerns over the information of relevant stakeholders on the serious human rights situation in Burundi, in particular with regards to civil and political rights.

We noted a deep concerns of several bodies over the widespread use of torture, unlawful detention, extrajudicial killings, as well as a high number of attacks and intimidations against members of opposition and civil society, human rights defenders and journalists.

Montenegro calls on the Government of Burundi to reconsider its cooperation with the OHCHR Office in Burundi and the Commission of Inquiry.

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

1. To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;

2. to establish an effective torture prevention mechanism in accordance with the obligations under the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thank you!