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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Serbia**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

Montenegro commends Serbia’s commitment to the UPR process and its high level and constructive cooperation with the OHCHR and its human rights mechanisms.

Montenegro welcomes the overall progress achieved in the field of human rights promotion and protection, in particular in strengthening the legislative framework and capacity building for its effective implementation.

We noted concerns of several treaty bodies on level of violence against women and domestic violence and in that regard we very much welcome positive steps undertaken by the Government in addressing this serious human rights challenge that we all face.

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

1. to enact legislation to explicitly prohibit corporal punishments of children in all settings, including at home,
2. to strengthen further implementation of deinstitutionalization process, with particular focus on children without parental care under age of 3.

Thank you!