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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Montenegro and thanks for the presentation of its National report.

We positively note that the report was prepared through inclusive national consultations and cooperation between state authorities, national human rights institution and civil society actors.

Ukraine acknowledges steps taken by Montenegro in implementing the recommendations received during 2nd UPR cycle including the ratification of a number of international human rights instruments, in particular, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

We commend a number of proactive actions aimed at strengthening normative and institutional system for exercising, protection and improvement of human rights, particularly, the rights of women and children.

Montenegro’s financial contribution to the work of OHCHR is also noteworthy.

Ukraine would like to **recommend** to the Government of Montenegro:

* to take further measures to harmonize its national legislation with recently ratified international instruments;
* to strengthen the national human rights institution – the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms – in accordance with the Paris Principles.

**Thank you.**