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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Mexico**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

We commend Mexico for improving overall human rights promotion and protection framework, in particular entry into force of the new criminal justice system and the adoption of the General Act on the Prevention, Investigation and Punishment of Torture. However, we noted concern of the several special procedures mandate holders over the high level of violence in Mexico, as well as the excessive use of force and extrajudicial killings by the army and the police. In this regard, we call on the Government to ensure full implementation of the justice system reforms throughout the country.

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

1. to ensure unhindered work of the human rights defenders;
2. to ensure full implementation of the General Act on the Enforced Disappearances.

Thank you!