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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Mauritius**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

We recognize the efforts made in advancing human rights situation, in particular in promoting and protecting children’s rights. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the National Child Protection Strategy and its action plan in 2014 and call on the Government to adopt a comprehensive children’s act in order to consolidate the legislation covering children’s rights. In defining new act, greater attention should be given to promotion and protection of all children, including children with disabilities from violence and abuse.

We noted concern of the Human Rights Committee over existing hate speech and violence, including death threats, against LGBT persons. We call on the Government to ensure protection of LGBT persons from all forms of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as to include hate speech and violence as grounds of discrimination in all relevant legislation.

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

1. to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
2. to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you.