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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Monaco**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

We welcome the efforts undertaken by the Government of Monaco and the overall progress achieved in the field of human rights.

We welcome the developments since the previous review as regards the normative and institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. Particularly, we commend establishing of the Office of the High Commissioner for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms and Mediation.

Concerning the ratification of international instruments, we note with appreciation that Monaco has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2017, as well as the respectful number of international treaties within the framework of the Council of Europe.

Encouraging the Government of Monaco to undertake further steps towards the promotion and protection of human rights, Montenegro gives the following recommendations:

1. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
2. to encourage the Office of the High Commissioner for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms and Mediation to seek accreditation by the Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions.

We wish to the distinguished delegation of Monaco a successful outcome of this UPR cycle.

I thank you!