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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Malta**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

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

We recognize and commend the developments since the previous review as regards the national normative framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. We encourage further progress towards setting up the National Human Rights Institution, to be in line with the Paris principles. It is to be noted with appreciation that Malta has ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence, known as Istanbul Convention and took necessary steps to achieve the compliance of national legislation with its provisions, thus creating preconditions for its full implementation.

Encouraging the Government of Malta to work further towards the promotion and the protection of human rights Montenegro gives the following recommendations:

1. ratify the third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on a communications procedure, as we recommended during the previous UPR cycle;
2. to accede to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

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

I thank you!