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

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**UPR 3rd Cycle, Review of the Comoros**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

We encourage the Government of Comoros to further work towards overall promotion and protection of human rights. We commend the adoption of the new Constitution which represents development in a positive direction.

We recognize still not sufficient response of the Government with regard to its commitments to international mechanisms and producing national reports, as well non existence of standing invitations to all special procedures. We encourage the Government to strengthen cooperation with OHCHR and the UN country team in order to improve its administrative and institutional capacities related to human rights.

Montenegro gives the following recommendations:

1. to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
2. to abolish the death penalty.

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

I thank you!