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**Statement by Montenegro**

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

We welcome the achievements regarding the strengthening normative, strategic and institutional framework in the field of human rights, but as well the results on the ground. Particularly, we commend the establishing of the national Office of the Commissioner for Children and the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, as well as the adoption of the National Strategy for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

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

1. to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and punishment;
2. to intensify its efforts to fully implement National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Violence.

I thank you!