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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro walmly welcomes Ms Artemis Dralo, Deputy Ministar for Europe and Foreign Affairs of neighbouring Albania. We thank you for your presentation and engagement with the UPR process.

We welcome continous strenthening of legislation and institutional framework for protection of human rights, including Code of Criminal Justice for Children accompained by the Strategy, National Agenda for Children' s rights 2017-2020 and Law no 96/2017 ensuring recognition and protection of national minorities. My country particularly commands adoption of National Strategy on Gender Equality and Action Plan 2016-2020, as well as mesures taken to affirm representation of women in public life, including 8 female ministers in the Government, (which is impressive).

We welcome the adoption of National Referal Mechanism (NRM) at a local level for cases of violence in family relations and we would like to ask about the further measures you plan to undertake in combating domestic and sexual violence.

Montenegro recommends to:

1) Allocate more human and financial resources to the Office of the People's Advocate, as a precondition for effective promotion of the rights of vulnerable groups.

2) Facilitate access to compulsory and mainstream education for all girls and boys, including those belonging to minority groups, those with disabilities and from the remote rural areas.

We wish you a successful UPR cycle.