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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Bhutan**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bhutan.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government towards the capacity building and awareness raising for the promotion of human rights.

In line with our previous recommendation, we welcome progress achieved in combating domestic violence, and violence against women. Although significant efforts were made to promote gender equality and women’s rights, we noted concerns of CEDAW regarding the trafficking in women and girls for forced labor and exploitation.

We welcome activities undertaken to enhance children’s rights and ensure their protection in schools, in particular the adoption of the National Plan for Child Well-being and Protection. However, we noted concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the violence and abuses against children in different settings. We urge the Government to combat violence through community education campaigns and programs, and to ensure adequate support for children, victims of violence and their reintegration.

Montenegro recommends to:

1. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
2. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We wish you a successful UPR cycle.