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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Costa Rica**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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

We noted all efforts of the Government of Costa Rica aimed at improving institutional and normative human rights framework. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of 2014–2025 national policy for a society free from racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and its accompanying 2015– 2018 action plan. We encourage the Government to intensify its efforts towards its full implementation.

We commend the Government for ratifying almost all universal and regional human rights instruments.

Montenegro shares Human Rights Committee’s concerns that the activities of the Inter-Institutional Commission for the Monitoring and Implementation of International Human Rights Obligations had been limited and that the standing body for consultation with civil society was not fully operational. We encourage the Government to ensure proper functioning of this Commission.

Montenegro makes following recommendations:

1. To adopt a comprehensive legal framework to combat discrimination;
2. To adopt measures to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish hate crimes against lesbian, bisexual and transgender women and intersex persons;

Thank you.