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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Cote d’Ivoire**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cote d’Ivoire.

We welcome the improvement of legislative framework for human rights and invite the Government to ensure its effective implementation. We noted that Cote d’Ivoire has ratified the main international human rights instruments and we expect completion of ratification of remaining instruments, especially the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, which is in line with our previous cycle’s recommendation.

We welcome the efforts undertaken towards strengthening cooperation with human rights treaty bodies, in particular adoption of the action plan to implement the recommendations and commitments made during second UPR, through inclusive consultative process.

As Human Rights Committee noted, Montenegro shares its concerns about torture and ill-treatment by the police, security and defense forces.

Montenegro recommends:

1. To ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
2. To fully cooperate with the investigations of the International Criminal Court and other judicial mechanisms aimed at bringing all perpetrators to justice for violations committed in past conflicts;

We wish you a successful UPR cycle.