PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro welcomes the delegation from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We appreciate your engagement with the UPR process.

Montenegro would like to welcome Government's willingness to provide protection to those working for the protection and promotion of human rights in DRC. We also commend cooperation with human rights bodies and steps being taken in strengthening legislative framework tackling human rights, including amendments on the Criminal Code. However, we noted reported concerns of several treaties' bodies about violence across the country and we support their call to the Government to investigate and bring perpetrators to justice. We reiterate our concern to the fact that death penalty has not yet been abolished. We urge the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political rights.

Montenegro recommends to:

1) Enaction of legislation to explicitly prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all kinds of settings, including home.

2) Set up of a national preventive mechanism against torture.

We wish you success in this UPR cycle.