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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Dominica**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Thank you Mr. President.

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

We encourage the Dominica’s efforts in the field of promotion and protection of human rights, conscious of difficulties caused by the multiple natural disasters which have severely affected its economy, human welfare, infrastructure and natural resources.

We note concerns of the UN sub regional team on the persistence of child abuse, non-implementation of the National Action Plan on Child Sexual Abuse and on the lack of any legislation or national policy on the rights of the persons with disabilities, which demand immediate and approach of the Government aimed at concrete results.

A need to have the death penalty abolished we consider as a priority issue. Our hope is that the Dominica will ratify all international human rights treaties according to recommendations that supported during the previous UPR cycle, as it stated in its national report, including Convention Against Torture.

Recognizing the necessity of the enhanced national response regarding reporting obligations to the UN treaty bodies and mechanisms we advise the Government to use the offered assistance of the OHCHR in order to establish a national mechanism for reporting and follow-up.

Montenegro recommends the following:

1. to establish the National Human Rights Institution;
2. to ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Thank you.