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Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Qatar. We appreciate your engagement with the UPR process.

My country welcomes Qatar's cooperation with international organizations and agencies, including the establishment of an ILO office in the country with a mandate to help the Government to implement reforms related to employment laws and regulations and to provide additional guarantees for promotion and protection of workers' rights.

Montenegro welcomes the steps taken in accelerating the promotion of women's and child's rights. We are encouraged by the official data that showed boys and girls enrolment in compulsory education is similar, including the literacy rate.

Additionally, we noted that further steps needs to be taken in strengthening both legislative framework and practice on the ground for ensuring gender equality.

In line with CAT's recommendations we call on the Government to introduce domestic violence and merital rape as specific offences in its Criminal Code, and to ensure that all cases of gender-based violence against women are thoroughly investigated, perpetrators prosecuted and appropriately sanctioned.

Montenegro recommends Qatar to:

1) Ratify UNESCO's Convention against Discrimination in Education and to seek support from UNESCO in that respect.

2) To develop policies that will ensure full inclusion and autonomy of women and girls with disabilities in society.

WE wish you a successful UPR cycle.