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

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**Universal Periodic Review 3 Cycle, Review of Fiji**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Fiji.

We acknowledge the overall progress and significant comprehensive efforts Government of Fiji has undertaken in ensuring protection and promotion of human rights. We commend its proactive approach in cooperation with special procedures and treaty bodies that was also demonstrated through ratification of all core human rights conventions.

We encourage further steps in combating gender-based violence and protection of human rights of children.

Montenegro recommendations the following:

1. To step up efforts for the effective access of children with disabilities to health, education and social services, as well as their full inclusion into society.
2. To make more decisive actions in adapting legislation, including prosecution and adequately punishment of perpetrators in charge of discrimination, hate speech and violence against lesbian, bisexual and transgender women.

We wish Fiji a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you