**PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Universal Periodic Review – Islamic Republic of Iran**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and appreciates its engagement in the UPR process.

We note with appreciation the strengthening of legislative framework in different areas. We welcome progress achieved in the area of education, including the high rate enrolment in primary and secondary school, as well as implementation of Health System Development Plan, which particularly contributed to the reducing of mortality rate of infants and pregnant women.

We remain worried with the data that many children face death due to landmines from previous wars and conflicts and we urge the State to clear the territory for the sake of future generations.

Montenegro recommends to the Islamic Republic of Iran the following:

1. To establish immediate moratorium to the use of the death penalty;
2. To step up efforts for the protection of women from gender-based violence

Montenegro wishes the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful UPR cycle.

 Thank you.