**Permanent Mission of Montenegro To The Un And Other International Organizations**

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Kazakhstan**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Kazakhstan.

We recognize efforts of the Government of Kazakhstan in strengthening national human rights agenda, since the previous UPR cycle review.

We note with appreciation Government’s continuous engagement with special procedure mandate holders and welcome ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. However, we remain concerned with the 2017 amendments to the Constitution that no longer provide direct, but secondary legislation application of international treaties ratified by Kazakhstan.

We command many actions taken to reduce the number of children in detention as well as improvements in regard to their rehabilitation and education. Also, efforts taken in providing access to the public and private building for the persons with disabilities and announcement of further projects from this area.

Montenegro reiterates the importance of complete legal abolition of the death penalty. We also encourage consolidation and concretization of legislation dealing with anti-discrimination and gender-based violence issues and accent a need for more decisive actions in giving women an opportunity to cover senior decision-making positions in the Government.

 Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations: to the Government of Kazakhstan:

1. To explicitly prohibit corporal punishment of children at all venues, including homes, some types of alternative care institutions and in day care.
2. To provide greater access to labor market for the persons with disabilities.

We wish Kazakhstan a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.