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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Armenia**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Armenia.

We commend activities of the Government to ensure participative approach in law-making processes, particularly in defining strategies related to human rights, and cooperation with international mechanisms. We note with appreciation that the Government of Armenia signed several key human rights treaties, including the Optional protocol 2 to ICCPR.

We recognize steps taken to protect children’s rights and allocations of funds for vulnerable children. Although the Government has developed policies for social inclusion of children with disabilities, deinstitutionalization and inclusive education, we noted concerns of several UN bodies regarding the high number of children with disabilities in the institutions, and segregated education settings.

Montenegro recommends Armenia to:

1. ensure family support programs, and access of children with disabilities to schools, health-care services and rehabilitation centres.
2. to intensify efforts to prevent violence against women, particularly domestic one and sexual violence at workplace.