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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Grenada**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Grenada.

We noted the efforts of the Government of Grenada to improve institutional and normative human rights framework, including launching the package of reforms concerning gender equality and broadening the concept of discrimination.

We commend the ratification of the several human rights instruments, although we notice that the process towards full accession hasn’t been finalized yet. We would like to ask what steps the Government undertakes in this regard, especially towards ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

We support the Government`s efforts to strengthen interventions to combat the domestic and sexual violence, and child abuse as priority.

Montenegro notes that several UN stakeholders expressed concerns over the discriminatory against the LGBTI community and invite the Government to inform on the plans to eliminate all forms of discrimination, especially on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Encouraging the Government of Grenada to work further towards the promotion and the protection of human rights, Montenegro gives the following recommendations:

1. To prohibit corporal punishment in its legislation
2. To extend an open invitation to the special procedure mandate holders.

Thank you.