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

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**UPR 3 Cycle, Review of Kenya**

**Statement by Montenegro**

Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Kenya.

We recognize the efforts of the Government in protecting human rights.

We also note the adoption of the National Plan of Action for children 2015-2022, and strategies to increase the enrollment rates in primary schools, particularly for the girls.

We note concerns of the CEDAW over the underreporting and low rate of prosecutions in cases of gender and sexual violence against women and girls. We urge the Government to undertake measures to raise awareness of this issue and ensure that all perpetrators are punished.

Montenegro recommends:

1. to ratify Second Optional protocol to International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;
2. to take further measures to eliminate institutionalization of vulnerable children and orphans, and provide them family environment.

Thank you.