**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other International Organizations**

**Statement by Montenegro**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Honduras.

Montenegro recalls the importance of the opening of a country office of the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights. In this regard, we welcome the work jointly done to consolidate the national system on a range of human rights issues and to incorporate a human rights approach into the National Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals.

The country’s efforts to expand the coverage of education and health are also highly appreciated, as is the creation of the Ministry of Human Rights. On this positive note, it is worth mentioning the introduction of the protection mechanism for human rights defenders supported by the corresponding legislation.

However, the widespread practice of impunity for the attacks against human rights defenders and journalists, as reported by the relevant UN mechanisms, remains an issue of great concern.

Montenegro recommends to the Government of Honduras:

1. To take concrete steps towards eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. To adopt an investigative protocol and to take a preventive actions addressing the root causes of the femicide.

I thank you.