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

**Statement by Montenegro**

**UPR 3 Cycle - Review of Jamaica**

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Montenegro welcomes the distinguished delegation of Jamaica.

Montenegro is pleased to note Jamaica's cooperation with the mechanisms of UN human rights system, including UN treaty bodies, and the government's commitment to working to promote human rights. That said, the adoption of a pending government decision to establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles would be a significant step towards that goal.

Montenegro commends the adoption of the National Development Plan - Vision 2030 Jamaica as a strategic roadmap for a better quality of life and a secure and prosperous future for all Jamaicans. We also welcome the enactment of the Child Diversion Act as well as the establishment of the Gender Advisory Council.

On this note, Montenegro also reiterates its call to Jamaica to ratify the 2nd Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Montenegro would like to make the following recommendations to Jamaica:

1. To issue an open standing invitation for visits of international and regional special procedure mandate holders;
2. To ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you.