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

**Statement by Montenegro**

**3rd UPR cycle – Review of Mongolia**

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Montenegro welcomes distinguished delegation of Mongolia and country’s engagement with the UPR mechanism.

We note with appreciation overall efforts of the Government both to improve legal and institutional framework and implementation of international human rights standards in between the two UPR cycles, including the two Montenegrin recommendations. This was particularly evident during the Mongolia’s tenure as a member of the HRC (2016-18), which is commendable.

Montenegro greatly welcomes the abolition of the death penalty, thus fully complying with the obligations set out in the 2nd Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

We also note the remarks of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the progress made in the adoption of anti-discrimination legislation and the legal protection of women, including awareness-raising of gender-based and domestic violence.

However, we share concerns at the high prevalence of violence against women, which is still a big challenge. We also note the UN country team observations of insufficient progress in improving the quality of life, health, and well-being of women with disabilities due to the lack of law implementation. We encourage Mongolia to intensify activities in this regard.

Montenegro recommends to the Government of Mongolia:

1. To step up efforts in addressing the corporal punishment in both families and schools through effective implementation of the law and public education and awareness-raising programmes.
2. To intensify efforts in creating an enabling environment for women to become more economically independent, including through awareness-raising campaign and the provision of vocational and technical training.

I thank you.