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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

Since this is the first time that my delegation is taking the floor during this session, I would like to congratulate you and the other members of the bureau on your election and I assure you of Montenegro's unwavering support in your efforts to lead the work of the Committee to the successful conclusion of the issues and challenges before us.

Mr. Chairman,

Montenegro fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by Belgium on behalf of the European Union.

Mr. Chairman,

Montenegro fully supports and welcomes the establishment of the new body "UN Women" and its leading role in strengthening women's rights and improving gender equality. Let me join others in congratulating Ms. Michelle Bachellet on her recent appointment as the Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women.

Mr. Chairman,

Domestic violence and violence against women is the issue of high importance and thus we will
put greater efforts on its combating. Continued efforts need to be made in the field of labour
and employment, since the economic independence of women is of key importance for the
achievement of all other rights.

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Montenegro reaffirms its commitment and readiness to further improve women's rights and to
strengthen gender equality.

Thank you very much.