

Statement of Montenegro

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Agenda Item 5 (b) Lausanne Action Plan

Thank you Mr. President.

At the outset, let me use this opportunity to commend your outstanding efforts in ensuring the continuity of our work and the completion of all tasks for the preparation of the Second Review Conference despite the challenges imposed by the pandemic of COVID 19. As a member of the CCM Coordination Committee, we thank you and ISU for providing a smooth and immediate conversion in a virtual manner of work, which has been not less effective comparing to one in person that we all get used to.

We commend the approach of the Presidency that the Lausanne Action Plan should be concise, specific, concrete and measurable and retain the overall structure of the Dubrovnik Action Plan.

Montenegro as the country which has received international assistance under the concept of the „country coalition“ is of the view that this concept must be included in the new Action plan with possible benefits that it brings. The country coalition with Norway and NPA leads Montenegro to the successful clearance of its territory before the deadline and the completion of the obligation under Article 4.

As an indispensable part of the LAP on the international protection and assistance, we recognize a strong emphasis on the national ownership, evidence-based work plans and transparency of the States Parties that request assistance. We think that on the side of donors and operators the LAP should include the promotion of better coordination among them.

Of course, international cooperation and assistance should be responsive to gender and diversity consideration and inclusive, also for States Non-Parties that are capable to provide assistance.

To conclude, Mr. President, we look forward to the continuation of our work in preparation for the successful Review Conference.

Thank you.