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On the solemn 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Montenegro renews its pledges to continue to work resolutely on the systematic protection and promotion of the very principles of democracy, the rule of law and human rights in the country and abroad. In this regard, we will:

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Continue to nurture the multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious nature of the Montenegrin society and promote interculturalism, strengthen the principles of diversity, equality, inclusion and social cohesion;

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Further strengthen national institutions for human rights, particularly the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro in line with the Paris Principle;

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Intensify efforts to fight against all forms of discrimination, especially against vulnerable and marginalized groups (including women, children, persons with disabilities, minorities, older people, LGBTIQ+ persons);

PLEDGE NUMBER 4: Promote human security for all and equal opportunities in all policies, with a focus on education, employment, health, social and child protection and poverty reduction;

PLEDGE NUMBER 5: Strengthen freedom of expression and freedom of the media, including the systematic prevention and elimination of hate speech, disinformation and all types of online and offline harassment.

PLEDGE NUMBER 6: Further reform the judiciary to ensure its independence, integrity, accountability, and impartiality;

PLEDGE NUMBER 7: Continue to strengthen cooperation with civil society; involving young people in policy making; ensuring access to digital technologies; developing futures literacy; and addressing ethical standards for the new technologies;

PLEDGE NUMBER 8: Work on environmental protection and mitigating the impact of climate change to ensure the right to future.