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Thank you Mr. Chair.

We would like to welcome this timely and very relevant discussion and to thank delegations of Denmark and Chile.

Montenegro is dedicated to the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the Government recognizes SDGs as an extraordinary opportunity to achieve sustainable development. The process is incorporated in our policies and strategies in order to ensure promotion and protection of human rights, rule of law, building an inclusive society without discrimination on the any ground, as well as to preserve environment.

Montenegro has adopted the National Strategy for Sustainable Development by 2030, as the long-term development strategy which embrace the requirements set out in the 2030 Agenda and the Action plan with concrete measures. Also, we have linked two major processes in Montenegro – accession to the European Union and achiving of the of the Agenda with an aim to ensure better life of our citizens and fully implement reforms in the country.

We strongly support the main goal "leave no one behind", and the implementation of 2030 Agenda will create the preconditions for equal, just and societies where are indispensable values - the respect of human dignity, quality education for all, and protection of vulnerable groups. We are devoted to strengthen our capacities and undertake additional measures at all levels, to improve the quality of services in areas of education, health, employment, and rights of particular groups. The progress in the area of rule of law, fundamental freedoms, democratic institutions and fight against all forms of violence and discrimination, the Goal 16 of the Agenda, requires the comprehensive approach of all relevant actors.

Montenegro will continue to give its contribution at the national, regional and global levels through the implementation of the SDGs. We believe that regional cooperation, exchange of best practices and cooperation on project implementation will contribute to the concrete implementation of SDGs on regional and national level.

I thank you Mr. Chair.