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**On the protests in Montenegro**

Mr. Chairperson,

We are concerned by the continuing confrontation on the streets of Podgorica, particularly the reports of clashes between protestors and law enforcement officers near government buildings and the Albanian embassy.

We hope that the situation in Montenegro will rapidly normalize. We urge the opposing sides to settle their differences within the framework of the law by way of inclusive political dialogue.

We firmly believe that the citizens of Montenegro themselves are capable without prompting from outside of arriving at compromise solutions that will restore harmony and unity within the country.

Thank you for your attention.