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The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honor to kindly enclose herewith the contribution of Montenegro to the thematic reports of Mr. Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing and Olivier De Schutter, Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.

The Mission would kindly appreciate if the Office could convey the above message to the esteemed recipients.

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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**Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing and the Special Rapporteur on
extreme poverty and human rights
Questionnaire - information provided by MONTENEGRO**

Question 4 Measures and services available at municipal, regional or national level to support people living in poverty from having to resort beg, sleep, wash, defecate or perform other hygienic activities in public places, because they lack access to employment, social assistance, adequate housing, public showers and toilets.

The Government of Montenegro is fully committed to finding a solution that will contribute to reducing the number of poor and socially excluded in Montenegro. One of the priorities of the Government of Montenegro in the coming period will be the significant reduction in poverty among the citizens of Montenegro, in cooperation with the private sector, non-governmental organizations and international partners. In the field of social and child protection, systemic measures and programs intended for individuals and families under unfavorable personal or family circumstances are being implemented, which include prevention, assistance in meeting basic living needs and support.

The activities of the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare are in particular focused on protecting the most vulnerable groups: those incapable of work and financially vulnerable, children without parental care, children with disabilities, abused and neglected children, children with behavioral problems, pregnant women without family support and appropriate living conditions; single parents without family support and adequate living conditions; persons with disabilities, the elderly, and other persons, who, due to special circumstances and social risk, need an appropriate form of protection.

In order to improve the quality of life and empower the above categories for independent and productive living, the Law on Social and Child Protection prescribes rights in the field of social and child protection, namely basic financial assistance and social and child protection services. The basic financial assistance in the field of social protection is as follows: financial support, personal disability allowance, care and support allowance, health care, funeral expenses, one-time financial assistance and compensation to the parent or guardian of the beneficiary of the right to personal disability allowance. The basic financial assistance in the field of child protection is as follows: allowance for a newborn child, child allowance, food costs in preschool institutions, assistance for the upbringing and education of children and youth with special educational needs, reimbursement of wage compensation and wage compensation for maternity or parental leave, maternity leave pay, reimbursement of wage compensation and wage compensation for part-time work. Services in the field of social and child protection are: support for community living; counseling-therapeutic and social-educational service; accommodation; emergency interventions and other services.

The current Law on Social and Child Protection stipulates that a homeless person is a person having no residential address, residing in public or other places not intended for housing, and having no means to meet the housing needs.

Social and child protection is an activity that provides and implements measures and programs intended for individuals and families under unfavorable personal or family circumstances, which includes prevention, assistance in meeting basic living needs and support. Adults and the elderly who are homeless may be entitled to financial support and social and child protection services. In Montenegro, when it comes to adult beneficiaries, the following social and child protection services have been established: accommodation for adults and the elderly, family accommodation, daily centers for adults and the elderly, accommodation in a shelter, personal assistance, home help, counseling, therapy and hotline. All social and child protection services are available to all beneficiaries, who can exercise the right to them by submitting an application to the competent centers for social work. There is one licensed shelter in Risan in Montenegro. The Public Institution Nursing Home "Grabovac" in Risan is the provider of accommodation services for homeless adults and elderly in this shelter.