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Prevention and Protection of Children from Violence

February 2025

1) The Government of Montenegro commits to allocating sufficient human, financial, and technical resources for successful implementation of the national Strategy on Prevention and Protection of Children from Violence for the period 2025-2029 and its actions plans. The lead institution is the Ministry of Social Welfare, Family Care and Demography in coordination with the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Finance and other relevant institutions.

2) The Government of Montenegro commits to integrating evidence-based positive parenting programmes into sustainable system frameworks by 2027. The lead institution is the Ministry of Education science and Innovation, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance in coordination with other relevant institutions and organizations.

3) The Government of Montenegro commits to transforming all schools into safe and stimulating spaces where every child feels respected and safe from any form of violence by 2029, through integrating violence prevention programs in the system of continuous professional development of teachers and provision of capacity building to teams of teachers in all schools in Montenegro. The lead instituton is the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation in coordination with the Ministry of Social Welfare and Ministry of Finance and other relevant institutions.

4) The Government of Montenegro commits to establishing of the Barnahus model service as comprehensive one-stop shop approach for children victims of severe cases of violence, including cases of sexual exploitation and abuse by 2027. The lead institution is the Ministry of Social Welfare, Family Care and Demography in coordination with the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Finance and other relevant institutions.