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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Cote D'Ivoire and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt notes the breadth and thoroughness of the consultations the government of Cote D'Ivoire conducted in preparation for its national report, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system and reflects its legacy in democratic practice.

We positively note the adoption of the National Development Plan on 26 March 2012 of Cote D'Ivoire. The Plan is a framework to bring together all national development policies. We believe that Cote D'Ivoire has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, upholding the principles of international human rights law and arguing that the fundamental mission of the body is the promotion of peace and multilateralism. In that vein, Egypt would like to present the following recommendations, hoping that Cote D'Ivoire will consider adopting them:

- 1- To continue to take measures to ensure in practice the protection of children against sale and trafficking, in accordance with Act No. 2010-272, and ensure that persons engaging in the sale and trafficking of children are prosecuted.
- 2- To strengthen measures to expand women's access to land and to microfinance and micro-credit at low interest rates.
- 3- To continue ongoing efforts to reduce the rates of maternal mortality.
- 4- To continue current efforts to provide every child with good quality basic education.
- 5- To strengthen monitoring and supervision by relevant environmental agencies in order to ensure that toxic waste is treated in an environmentally sound manner.

I thank you Mr. President.