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Mr. President.

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of Cote d'Ivoire and thank them for their report. We take note that the current report is being submitted against the backdrop of the ongoing reconstruction and reconciliation in the country following the 2010 post-election crisis. In this regard, we appreciate the presentation of their comprehensive update on the current efforts by the Government of Cote d'Ivoire in addressing the situation of human rights on the grounds.

Mr. President,

We welcome various developments connected to the development of the normative and institutional framework for human rights promotion and protection. We would like to welcome the establishment of the new National Human Rights Commission on 2012 as an independent advisory and administrative authority which has been tasked in assisting the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

In this regard, we recommend the Government to continue its efforts in empowering the Commission, in particular by holding consultations with all stakeholders with a view to make necessary adjustment to the existing law so as to ensure the Commission is in line with the Paris Principles in respect of its mandate, composition, organization, functioning, independence and means.

Mr. President,

As a country which faced several internal conflicts in the past, Indonesia is a strong believer of the importance of national reconciliation measures in bringing peace for a country in a post-conflict situation. In this regard, we welcome the decision of the Government to establish "the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission" to foster national reconciliation for greater social cohesion between all communities living in Cote d'Ivoire.

Looking ahead, we consider that the success of the next year election will be crucial in order to achieve the long-lasting peace in Cote d'Ivoire. Therefore, we recommend the Government to spare no efforts in creating conditions conducive to the peaceful and democratically credible holding of the 2015 presidential elections, in particular by convening a solid voter registration process reforming as necessary the National Election Commission.

Mr. President,

In conclusion Indonesia wishes the People and Government of Cote d'Ivoire all the best in their ongoing and future endeavours in the promotion and protection of human rights in their country.

I thank you.