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**Statement of the Republic of Latvia
19th session of the UPR
Review of Côte d'Ivoire**

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

We take positive note of recent establishment of a new National Human Rights Commission and the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. However, Latvia notes with concern the reports of increased gender based violence and the widespread violence against children. We encourage Côte d'Ivoire to strengthen its efforts to protect and promote the rights of women and children in the country.

In addition my delegation would like to make following recommendations:

First, to review its national legislation in order to ensure its full alignment with obligations under the Rome Statute, in particular by incorporating provisions enabling cooperation with the Court;

Second, to consider extending a standing invitation to all the special procedures mandates holders of the Human Rights Council.

Thank you, Mr. President.