

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

Review of Cote d'Ivoire

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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho welcomes the delegation of Cote d'Ivoire and thanks them for the presentation of their national report which provides a broad overview of the achievements and challenges they are facing in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Lesotho has noted with satisfaction and welcomes the commendable strides Cote d'Ivoire has made to effectively harmonise their domestic legislation with regional and international human rights instruments.

The establishment of National human rights institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights such as National Human Rights Commission, Office of the Ombudsman, and national press council are among the many remarkable achievements secured.

Mr. President,

Lesotho is gratified by the progress made by Cote d'Ivoire, even in the face of obvious challenges and constraints she is confronted with. These challenges continue to undermine the full attainment of the objectives of the various commendable programmes and strategies for promoting and protecting human rights.

In view of the aforesaid, we wish to make the following recommendations:

1. To continue to develop the institutional and legal framework in respect of human rights;

2. To consider the accession to core human rights instruments;

Finally, Lesotho wishes Cote d'Ivoire all the success in implementing the recommendations that may come out of this review.

I thank you