**Universal Periodic Review of Côte d’Ivoire**

29 April 2014

Intervention by the delegation of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Côte d’Ivoire and wishes to thank for the valuable information provided in the introductory statement as well as in the national report.

We recognize the difficult political environment of Côte d’Ivoire and acknowledge the efforts of the Government to strive for long-term solutions in the implementation of human rights and the improvement of the human rights situation. However, we are concerned by the lack of a comprehensive law on violence against women and reports of a significant increase in gender-based violence and the continuation of the practice of female genital mutilation.

Liechtenstein **recommends that Côte d’Ivoire intensify its efforts to combat violence against women by criminalizing and implementing comprehensive laws prohibiting sexual and gender-based violence and female genital mutilation, and by providing the necessary support to victims of sexual and gender-based violence.**

Liechtenstein welcomes Côte d’Ivoire’s ratification of the Rome Statute in January 2013. Consequently, we **recommend that Côte d’Ivoire fully align its national legislation with the Rome Statute, including by incorporating provisions to cooperate promptly and fully with the International Criminal Court and to investigate and prosecute genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes effectively before its national courts.** Liechtenstein also **recommends that Côte d’Ivoire ratify the Kampala amendments to the Rome Statute, if possible with a view to contributing to the activation of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court over the crime of aggression at the beginning of 2017.**