



STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS AT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP-
CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF COTE D'IVOIRE
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Mr President

My delegation thanks H.E. Mr. Gnénéma Mamadou COULIBALY, ~~Ministre de la Justice et des Libertés publiques~~ *Minister of Justice, Garde des Sceaux*, for the detailed presentation of the national UPR Report of Cote D'Ivoire.

Mauritius welcomes the commitment of the Government of Cote D'Ivoire to the UPR process by accepting and implementing many of the recommendations received during its first review, despite challenges of the post-election crisis from 2010 to 2011 in the country.

We note with appreciation the adoption of the new laws to strengthen the functioning of the National Human Rights Commission in line with the Paris Principles; and that related to its cooperation with the International Criminal Court. The adoption of the National Development Plan based on the important pillars of rule of law, economy, education, social matters, health and infrastructure are indeed commendable positive steps taken by the Government of Cote D'Ivoire to promote and protect the rights of its citizens.

My delegation also welcomes the efforts of the Government to fully cooperate with human rights mechanisms and with the International Criminal Court.

In the area of primary education, we note the considerable progress made with the support of the relevant UN agencies, to provide free and accessible education to most children and encourage the Government to continue its efforts to realising the Millennium Development Goal of primary education for all by 2015.

Finally Mr President, Mauritius recommends the Government of Cote D'Ivoire to establish a National Action Plan for the priorities, initiatives and commitments it has identified in its UPR report with a view to improving the human rights situation in Cote D'Ivoire.

I Thank You, Mr President.