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HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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REVIEW OF COTE D'IVOIRE
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Statement by Nigeria

Mr President,

Nigeria warmly welcomes the delegation of Cote D'Ivoire to the Human Rights Council and thanks them for their report. We are pleased that Cote D'Ivoire has remained constructively engaged with the OHCHR.

2. My delegation is encouraged that the Government of Cote D'Ivoire has expressed commitment in promoting and protecting the human rights of its people. Particularly, we welcome the stated endeavour of Cote D'Ivoire in aligning its domestic statutes in harmony with international human rights and humanitarian laws. Nonetheless, we note that there have been shortfalls.

3. Recognizing that in its recent history, wading through the reprehensible tolls of civil strife has rendered an unfair share of inadequacies, we urge Cote D'Ivoire to intensify efforts in ensuring that Ivorians enjoy fundamental rights and basic freedom.

4. As we invite the International community to remain supportive of Cote D'Ivoire, where it requests, we urge Cote D'Ivoire to recommit, more practically to guarantees of non-violation of women and child rights, improve in providing education and stabilize the health care system. We wish Cote D'Ivoire a successful review.

I thank you.

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