

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON COTE D'IVOIRE ON
29 APRIL 2014**

[Speaking time: 1 min 25s]

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Cote d'Ivoire, and appreciates its national report and participation in the UPR. We note the improved security situation and progress in the national reconciliation process since the post-election crisis in 2010. We encourage the Government in its efforts to enhance the rule of law which is fundamental for the protection and promotion of human rights. In particular, we note the legislative changes to strengthen the administration of justice in the country over the last few years. We **recommend** that Cote d'Ivoire continues to undertake measures to enhance the rule of law to protect the rights of its people.

We also note the Government's efforts in promoting the right to education by building more schools and recruiting more teachers. The Government has also implemented several programmes to help integrate or reintegrate young people into the job market. In this regard, we **recommend** that Cote d'Ivoire, with support from UNESCO and ILO, continues to strengthen its education system and vocational training especially for the youth.

We join the many friends of Cote d' Ivoire in wishing the country success.

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