



**PERMANENT MISSION OF SLOVENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

Rue de Vermont 37-39, CH - 1202 Geneva
Tel.: +41/22/716 1780, Fax: +41/22/738 6665

UPR of COTE D'IVOIRE

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cote d'Ivoire to the UPR Working group and thanks them for their presentation today.

Slovenia commends Cote d'Ivoire for its cooperation with the UN system in the follow-up of the recommendations of the International Commission of Inquiry on Cote d'Ivoire and the Human Rights Council in the 2010-2011 post-election crisis that marked the culmination of a decade of politico-ethnic conflict. We also welcome Cote d'Ivoire ratification of the Rome Statute and its cooperation with the ICC regarding the arrest warrants.

We would like to recommend to the Government of Cote d'Ivoire:

1. to step up their efforts and undertake credible investigations and prosecutions against members of both sides of the post-electoral conflict, including the security forces, thus contributing to the end of impunity;
2. to take full use of technical assistance of the UN and Ivorian NGOs dealing with women's rights to finalize the strategy and implement it accordingly, once adopted;
3. to take concrete measures to improve victim assistance, including health and psychosocial help, to victims of sexual violence and rape, also by providing free medical certificates to rape survivors, since this for most victims unaffordable document is deemed crucial in the course of any pursued investigations;
4. to conduct such specific awareness raising campaigns which can help to sensitize the general Ivorian public regarding the rights of LGBTI persons.

Thank you.