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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report.

South Africa commends Côte d'Ivoire on efforts made to improve the country's human rights situation as well as fulfillment of its international obligations through national and sectoral policies. We welcome the adoption of its National Development Plan and the conformity of the National Human Rights Commission in line with the Paris Principles.

South Africa encourages Côte d'Ivoire to continue at all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights in the country and would like to pose the following recommendations:

- (1) to adopt a comprehensive law on violence against women; and
- (2) to strengthen efforts to reduce the incidence of maternal mortality; and
- (3) to ensure that the legal and institutional framework ensures that children in conflict with the law to be dealt with in a manner that conforms to international standards

I thank you