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UPR of Cote d'Ivoire**

**Statement  
of  
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Thank you Mr. President,

The Republic of Macedonia would like to welcome the delegation of Cote d'Ivoire' and to thank for the presentation of their national report.

We welcome the commitments of the Government to the UPR process.

- We also welcome the ratification of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.
- The Republic of Macedonia urges the Government to submit its Initial Report on the Convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, in view of the fact that the Convention was ratified in December 1995.
- We would like to address following question to the delegation: What measures are envisaged by the Government to overcome the problem with corruption in the judiciary and to create the independent judiciary, as well as to overcome the problem of impunity?
- Macedonia has also noted that after post-election crisis the sexual violence remains one of the widespread problems in the country.
- We recommend the Government to undertake all necessary measures to end impunity for sexual violence by investigating all allegations of sexual violence and to prosecute individuals against whom there is sufficient evidence of such abuses.

Thank you Mr. President.