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United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland National Statement

Universal Periodic Review – Côte d'Ivoire April 2014

Thank you Mr President,

The United Kingdom welcomes the Ivorian delegation to Geneva and we acknowledge the progress that Côte d'Ivoire has made on security, governance and human rights since its 2009 Universal Periodic Review. In particular we welcome the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission as an institutional sign of Côte d'Ivoire's commitment to human rights.

We note that many of the remaining challenges are the result of deep-rooted tensions that pre-date the post-election crisis. We encourage Côte d'Ivoire to implement the conclusions of the National Commission of Inquiry Report (2012), which aims to address the causes of the violence and ensure equity of justice for all Ivorians affected by human rights violations.

The UK also encourages the establishment of a platform for cooperation between the State institutions responsible for transitional justice. Judicial and non-judicial justice mechanisms should be impartial and independent. We support the work of the International Criminal Court in prosecuting the perpetrators of human rights violations, regardless of their political, regional, religious or tribal affiliations.

We have **two recommendations**:

1. To ensure that all parties responsible for the post-election crimes of 2010 be brought to justice no matter what their political affiliation ; and
2. To develop a comprehensive transitional justice strategy that will encompass accountability, reparations, security sector reform and judicial reform ahead of presidential elections in October 2015.

Thank you.