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Statement of Bangladesh on UPR of Cote d'Ivoire

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Cote d'Ivoire and we thank the delegation for a candid presentation of the National report.

The country has appeared at the Working group for its second cycle of the universal periodic review against the backdrop of reconstruction and reconciliation following a post-election crisis. We acknowledge their endeavour to promote and protect human rights in accordance with the commitments made under national law and the ratified international legal instruments.

During its first cycle of Review, Côte d'Ivoire received 147 recommendations and accepted 108. This is a major undertaking on behalf of a country undergoing reconstruction and reform, which exhibits the government's willingness and commitment to promote and protect human rights. It has not only harmonized some of its national laws but also it has begun to take on and fulfil its international obligations through national and sectoral policies.

As a country undergoing huge rebuilding and reorganization with efforts to cope with the crisis, Cote d'Ivoire faces numerous challenges. These, among others, are restoring the rule of law and achieving national reconciliation and, ultimately, reaching economic, social and cultural development goals. Poverty still remains wide-spread across the country. We believe that the government cannot achieve much without international support to move forward with its poverty eradication programmes. In view of the above, my delegation recommends that the government of Cote d'Ivoire, -

1. Continues its fight against poverty with the international community's support; and
2. Continues its fight against discrimination against women.

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