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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Côte D'Ivoire to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and thanks for the presentation of their national report.

Brazil notes with appreciation the efforts of Côte D'Ivoire to address crucial challenges of a post-crisis reality in the political, economic and social fields. In this context, we were particularly pleased to learn about the adoption of the National Development Plan for the period 2012-2015, which aims at combating poverty and fostering development, a Brazilian recommendation made to Côte D'Ivoire in the first cycle of UPR.

Notwithstanding these important advances, the situation of the rights of women and the justice system in Côte D'Ivoire remain a matter of particular concern.

We acknowledge steps taken to comply with recommendations from the last UPR cycle concerning all forms of discrimination against women, such as the approval of the Act on marriage, which placed equal parental responsibilities on men and women. More is yet to be achieved in this area and, thus, Brazil recommends that Côte D'Ivoire take all necessary measures to further promote the rights of women and girls, including abolishing all discriminatory laws, implementing the national action plan to combat sexual violence and ending female genital mutilation.

Brazil also notes the efforts made by the authorities in Côte D'Ivoire in order to improve the Justice system, particularly by means of a reform of the relevant legislation and the reopening of trial and detention facilities. However, the efficiency of the system requires further improvement and, therefore, Brazil recommends that Côte D'Ivoire work towards fostering the independence of the Judiciary and reducing the number of people in pretrial detention without substantiated charges pressed against.

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