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**Universal Periodic Review of Côte d’Ivoire**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President].

Australia welcomes Côte d’Ivoire’s abolition of the death penalty for all crimes and ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights since its last review.

Australia is concerned by restrictions on freedoms of peaceful assembly and association, including cases of arbitrary detention, ahead of the presidential election in 2025.

Australia recommends **Côte d’Ivoire:**

1. **Respect and safeguard freedoms of peaceful assembly and association in accordance with its ICCPR obligations.**
2. **Halt forced evictions in Abidjan and provide support and compensation to affected communities in accordance with ICESCR Article 11.**
3. **Implement existing legislation to prevent gender-based violence and modify Law 2019‒574 to include provisions to prevent domestic violence.**

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