**STATEMENT BY BOTSWANA**

**DURING THE REVIEW OF COTE D’IVOIRE AT THE 47th SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

(5 November 2024, Geneva)

**Mr. President,**

1. Botswana warmly welcomes the delegation of Cote d’Ivoire to the fourth cycle of the UPR process. We thank the Delegation for the presentation of a comprehensive national report.
2. We commend Côte d’Ivoire for having undertaken extensive legislative and regulatory reforms aimed at aligning its domestic legal system with commitments made to United Nations treaty bodies and mechanisms of the African Union.
3. While recognising the considerable progress made, we also note the challenges that still remain, particularly the prevalence of gender-based violence and discrimination against women. In this respect, we make the following two recommendations to Cote d`Ivoire to consider:
4. Adoption of a comprehensive legislative framework to prevent, combat and punish all forms of gender-based violence against women.
5. Raising awareness on the importance of women’s equal participation in public and political life, particularly in decision-making positions.
6. We wish Cote d’Ivoire a successful review outcome.

**I thank you, Mr. President!**