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**UPR of the Cote d’Ivoire, 5 November 2024**

**Intervention by Denmark**

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President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Cote d’Ivoire and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend Cote d’Ivoire for ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. However, we note that the official establishment of a National Preventive Mechanism is still outstanding, which hinders the effective implementation of the Protocol.

*Therefore, Denmark recommends to establish, without further delay, a National Preventive Mechanism, in line with OPCAT.*

We welcome the important progress made on women’s rights, including with the criminalization of all forms of rape. Yet, we remain concerned about abortion laws.
*Denmark recommends to amend articles 366 and 367 of the Criminal Code with a view to legalizing abortion in cases of rape, incest or severe fetal impairment, in line with the Maputo Protocol.*

Denmark wishes Cote d’Ivoire a successful review.

I thank you.