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**Statement**

**by**

**the Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of** **Côte d’Ivoire**

***Mr. President,***

Ethiopia warmly welcomes the delegation of **Côte d’Ivoire** to the 47th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for its comprehensive national report and the oral update today.

Ethiopia commends **Côte d’Ivoire** for implementing the recommendations received during previous UPR cycles, and for adoption of several laws to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights.

In a spirit of constructive engagement, Ethiopia recommends **that Côte d’Ivoire**:

1. Continue to strengthen institutional frameworks that promote respect for human rights; and
2. Intensify efforts in the Poverty Eradication Programme to provide economic opportunities for the most vulnerable populations.

Finally, Ethiopia wishes the delegation of **Côte d’Ivoire** successful deliberations in its engagement with the UPR Working Group.

 ***I thank you Mr. President.***