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**Statement of Ireland**

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Review of Côte d’Ivoire

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Ireland welcomes the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Côte d’Ivoire’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and notes the progress made since the last UPR cycle. In particular, we welcome the establishment of a mechanism for protecting human rights defenders and encourage its full implementation.

However, Ireland remains concerned by continued challenges in access to justice, in combating violence against women, and by continued discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Ireland recommends that Côte d’Ivoire:

1. Amend Article 226 of the Penal Code to include sexual orientation and gender identity as prohibited grounds of discrimination.
2. Amend the Criminal Code to explicitly criminalise all forms of domestic violence and enforce legislation criminalising Female Genital Mutilation.
3. Continue judicial reforms, in particular to guarantee the independence of the judiciary, to strengthen the fight against corruption and to reinforce measures to guarantee access to justice.

We wish Côte d’Ivoire every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.