**STATEMENT TO BE MADE DURING THE 47TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP – Cote D'Ivoire**

Mr. President,

Kenya commends Côte d'Ivoire for its significant progress and strong commitment to strengthening human rights protections since its last review.

We applaud several key positive developments: including the ratification of important international treaties, which shows Côte d'Ivoire's dedication to aligning with international human rights standards.

The implementation of comprehensive public policies and national strategies, including the National Development Programme demonstrates a holistic approach to addressing human rights challenges. While the introduction of "Human Rights and Citizenship Education" in schools and extensive human rights training programs for defense and security forces will help build a culture of human rights awareness.

Indeed, we commend Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to improve access to justice through the rehabilitation and construction of court infrastructure, the opening of local legal assistance offices, and measures to strengthen judicial independence.

While recognizing these positive steps, We encourage Côte d'Ivoire to further strengthen its efforts to improve detention conditions and reduce overcrowding in prisons. While noting the progress made in rehabilitating existing infrastructure and constructing new facilities, we recommend developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to address prison overcrowding.

We look forward to continuing to support Côte d'Ivoire in its efforts to promote and protect human rights for all its citizens.

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