

**Statement by**

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**Mr. President,**

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire to the fourth cycle of UPR and thanks them for the presentation of national report.

We appreciate Côte d'Ivoire for the constructive engagement and cooperation with the human rights instruments and mechanisms.

Nepal welcomes the Côte d'Ivoire’s ratification of Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to recommend Côte d'Ivoire the following:

1. Continue efforts towards ending child labour and fight against the child exploitation in the labour-intensive sectors.
2. Redouble efforts in bringing women at work in the informal sectors under social protection framework.
3. Continue improving rural communities’ access to education and healthcare services.

We wish Côte d'Ivoire a successful review.

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