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Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire and the presentation of its national report.

We warmly congratulate Côte d’Ivoire on its recent election to the Human Rights Council – an expression of the international community’s confidence in Côte d’Ivoire’s commitment and contribution to advancing human rights through dialogue and cooperation. We acknowledge the reforms undertaken to align national laws with international human rights standards as well as the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.

In a constructive spirit, the Philippines offers the following recommendations:

1. Adopt measures to facilitate effective reintegration into society of children who were previously associated with armed groups;
2. Continue enhancing the capacity and resources of law enforcement and the judiciary in the fight against human trafficking, especially women and children;
3. Step up efforts to address gender-based violence, including female genital mutilation and all forms of domestic violence, by, among others, revisiting the definition of marital rape in article 403 of the Criminal Code basing it on lack of consent; and
4. Institute appropriate mechanisms to boost women’s meaningful participation in the political and economic spheres.

The Philippines wishes Côte d'Ivoire a successful review. Thank you.