**UPR 47 – Côte d’Ivoire**

Statement by Portugal

*1’ 15” speaking time*

Chair,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Portugal commends Côte d’Ivoire for ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and its efforts to revise its Criminal Code to include a criminal penalty for the offence of torture.

Portugal **recommends** that Côte d’Ivoire :

1. Adopts enhanced measures to reduce prison overcrowding by respecting legal detention periods and fully implementing targeted programs for alternatives to imprisonment.
2. Ensures comprehensive support for victims of female genital mutilation by providing access to adequate medical treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and legal assistance.
3. Establishes anti-discrimination policies to protect the rights of LGBTQI persons across all sectors, including the rights to education and to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, as well as equal access to employment.

Portugal wishes Côte d’Ivoire a successful review.

Thank you.

 *149 words*