

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF COTE D’IVOIRE**

**5th NOVEMBER 2024**

**Mr. President,**

We warmly welcome the esteemed delegation of Cote d’Ivoire to the fourth cycle of the UPR. We congratulate them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Cote d’Ivoire for the achievements made in the promotion of civil and political human rights including the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aimed at abolishing the death penalty.

Zambia wishes to recommend the following to the delegation of Cote d’Ivoire:

1. Improve the accessibility of education for all, especially for girls and children living in rural areas, and strengthen awareness campaigns on the right of girls to education;
2. Implement effective measures to protect human rights defenders, in particular those campaigning against child marriage and environmental degradation.

In conclusion, we wish Cote d’Ivoire a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.