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**REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D’IVOIRE**

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**STATEMENT BY**

**THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE**

**Mr. President,**

Zimbabwe welcomes the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire, and thanks them for the presentation of their Report.

We commend Côte d’Ivoire’s legislative reforms, aimed at bringing its legal system in line with international commitments.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend the following:

1. Prioritise access to quality education and economic inclusion of women, the youth and people living in rural areas as a means to address poverty, gender inequality, child labour and other forms of exploitation.
2. Implement awareness-raising initiatives aimed at eradicating harmful religious and cultural practices that fuel gender-based violence, child and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.
3. Take effective measures to address violence perpetrated against children in schools, including sexual abuse and harassment by teachers, with emphasis on prevention policies and bringing offenders to justice.

We wish Côte d’Ivoire success in its review.

**I thank you.**