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**33Rd session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of Côte d'Ivoire**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Tuesday, May 7, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan welcomes the delegation of Côte d'Ivoire and commends it for a comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We appreciate Côte d'Ivoire’s efforts strengthening its national normative framework including Act No. 2014-131 on the establishment of universal health coverage. We also note the development of a national strategy and programme to facilitate the employment of persons with disabilities and appreciate their recruitment to the public service on the basis of special regulations.

My delegation recommends the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to:

1. Continue its efforts to tackle unemployment, especially of women, young people and those living in rural areas
2. Continue its efforts for achieving gender parity and women empowerment
3. Make efforts to increase the number of women in decision-making roles and positions

We wish Côte d'Ivoire a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.