**Statement by Myanmar Delegation**

**At the 33rd Session of the UPR working Group of**

**Cote D’Ivoire**

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Mr. President,

 My delegation extends its warm welcome to the delegation of Cote d’Ivoire to the current session of UPR Working Group.

 Myanmar congratulates Cote d’Ivoire for its achievements for peace and path towards democracy, including among others the vital adoption of a new constitution in 2016.

 As a fellow young democratic country, Myanmar understands the challenges a young democratic country has to face domestically while fulfilling international obligations with limited resources and expertise. We believe that one of the main element and long-term solution to overcome these challenges is Education.

 In this regards, Myanmar would like to make the following recommendations:

1. continue its effort to ensure equal access to education, particularly the assurance of girls’ participation

2. implement necessary national strategy to support victims of gender-based violence and child victims of sexual exploitation

3. encourage women’s participation for a higher representation in the parliament

4. continue its efforts for democratic transition, peace and stability in the country

 We wish Cote d’Ivoire a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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