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**Côte d’Ivoire**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic welcomes the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire and thanks for its comprehensive presentation and the UPR National Report.

The Czech Republic appreciates positive steps taken by the Government of Côte d’Ivoire, including the improvements carried out at the Juvenile Observation Centre or the adoption of the new law strengthening protection of human rights defenders.

To further improve the situation in respective areas, the Czech Republic makes the following **recommendations** to the Government of Côte d’Ivoire:

1. Ensure the freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. Prosecute and convict perpetrators of harassment and threats aimed at independent journalists and bloggers. Take effective measures to enforce the Act No. 2014-388 of 20 June 2014 on the protection of human rights defenders.
2. Investigate all allegations of extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearance and torture carried out by the police, security and defence forces. Bring the perpetrators to justice and compensate the victims.
3. Take necessary steps to protect persons with albinism and LGBTI persons against all forms of discrimination, intimidation and violence.
4. Ratify the CAT-OP, as previously recommended, as well as the CED.

Thank you.