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*Statement delivered by Ms Gayethri M Pillay, Chargé D’affaires/Counsellor*

Thank you Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire and thanks them for their interventions today.

Seychelles recognizes the significant steps made by Côte d’Ivoire in the realization of the right to health, including the introduction of free targeted health care, as well as the establishment of new health centres. In this view, Seychelles **recommends** Côte d’Ivoire to continue its efforts to improve access to health care by ensuring that all health facilities are fully accessible to vulnerable persons, including persons from rural areas and persons with disabilities.

Seychelles also positively notes the legislative framework put in place to combat trafficking in persons, and **recommends** that a Standard Operating Procedures manual on trafficking is developed to ensure a harmonized and multi-pronged approach is adopted in the identification, investigation and prosecutorial stages, whilst ensuring the protection and rehabilitation of victims.

Seychelles wishes the delegation of Côte d’Ivoire a fruitful session ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.