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Côte d'Ivoire

Addendum

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments
and replies presented by the State under review**

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1. This addendum sets out the position of Côte d'Ivoire on the 273 recommendations made during the interactive dialogue following the review by its peers on 5 November 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the forty-seventh session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review.
2. The 273 recommendations were the subject of a national consultation culminating in a workshop held on 16 and 17 January 2025 in Grand-Bassam. Civil society actors and representatives of the executive, legislative and judicial branches who took part analysed each of these recommendations and put forward proposals for follow-up action.
3. The proposals resulting from this national consultation were then submitted for consideration to the Government, which gave its opinion on the 273 recommendations.
4. The position of Côte d'Ivoire on each of these recommendations, and comments on the recommendations that were not accepted, are set out in the table below:

<i>Recommendation number</i>	<i>Position of Côte d'Ivoire</i>	<i>Comments</i>
135.1	Accepted	
135.2	Accepted	
135.3	Accepted	
135.4	Accepted	
135.5	Noted	This recommendation is no longer applicable because the Convention concerned was ratified on 27 September 2023.
135.6	Partially accepted Accepted: Redouble efforts to strengthen the legal system Noted: including by ratifying international instruments not yet ratified	The reference to "international instruments not yet ratified" is imprecise.
135.7	Accepted	
135.8	Accepted	
135.9	Accepted	
135.10	Accepted	
135.11	Accepted	
135.12	Accepted	
135.13	Accepted	
135.14	Accepted	
135.15	Accepted	
135.16	Accepted	
135.17	Accepted	
135.18	Accepted	
135.19	Noted	Côte d'Ivoire already cooperates closely with the special procedures, in particular by regularly, if not routinely, acceding to visit requests from special procedure mandate holders.

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135.20	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.19.
135.21	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.19.
135.22	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.19.
135.23	Accepted	
135.24	Accepted	
135.25	Accepted	
135.26	Accepted	
135.27	Accepted	
135.28	Partially accepted Accepted: Consider bringing all national laws into line with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and ensuring their implementation Noted: while adopting a comprehensive law to prevent, combat and punish all forms of gender-based violence against women	The reference to the adoption of a comprehensive law is noted because such a law already exists in the form of the Criminal Code.
135.29	Accepted	
135.30	Accepted	
135.31	Accepted	
135.32	Accepted	
135.33	Accepted	
135.34	Accepted	
135.35	Accepted	
135.36	Accepted	
135.37	Partially accepted Accepted: Integrate human rights defenders into the composition of the Committee for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders Noted: Make it independent in its composition and functioning	The reference in the recommendation to a protection committee that is “independent in its composition and functioning” is noted because this requirement has no basis in any of the international legal instruments to which Côte d’Ivoire is a Party.
135.38	Accepted	
135.39	Accepted	
135.40	Accepted	
135.41	Noted	The representation of citizens in the public and private sectors is based on a

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		process that is both competitive and egalitarian.
135.42	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.41.
135.43	Accepted	
135.44	Accepted	
135.45	Accepted	
135.46	Accepted	
135.47	Accepted	
135.48	Partially accepted Accepted: Continue with ongoing efforts to combat prison overcrowding Noted: Review the Criminal Code to strengthen alternative sentences	The reference to reviewing the Criminal Code is noted because alternative sentences to incarceration already exist in Ivorian legislation. The suggested review of the Criminal Code is therefore without purpose.
135.49	Accepted	
135.50	Accepted	
135.51	Accepted	
135.52	Accepted	
135.53	Accepted	
135.54	Accepted	
135.55	Accepted	
135.56	Accepted	
135.57	Accepted	
135.58	Accepted	
135.59	Accepted	
135.60	Accepted	
135.61	Accepted	
135.62	Noted	As efforts to address and combat violence and hate speech benefit all people, the specific reference to LGBTQI+ persons is not justified.
135.63	Accepted	
135.64	Noted	As the armed conflict occurred more than 14 years ago, this recommendation is no longer applicable.
135.65	Partially accepted Accepted: Continue taking measures to implement cross-political party dialogue	As the judicial institutions are fully functional, transitional justice mechanisms are no longer justified.

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	Noted: and transitional justice mechanisms	
135.66	Accepted	
135.67	Accepted	
135.68	Accepted	
135.69	Accepted	
135.70	Accepted	
135.71	Accepted	
135.72	Accepted	
135.73	Accepted	
135.74	Accepted	
135.75	Accepted	
135.76	Accepted	
135.77	Accepted	
135.78	Accepted	
135.79	Accepted	
135.80	Accepted	
135.81	Accepted	
135.82	Noted	This recommendation is imprecise, as it contains no indication as to the relevant articles of the Criminal Code.
135.83	Accepted	
135.84	Accepted	
135.85	Accepted	
135.86	Noted	As the Ordinance has legislative force in the Ivorian legal system, it is not clear how it could be passed into law.
135.87	Accepted	
135.88	Accepted	
135.89	Noted	This recommendation is without purpose because the freedoms of peaceful assembly and demonstration are not subject to any unconstitutional restrictions.
135.90	Noted	This recommendation without purpose because the elections have long been part of an inclusive process, following the establishment of a permanent consultation framework that brings together political parties and civil society organizations.

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135.91	Noted	Allegations of abusive prosecutions have no basis in reality in Côte d'Ivoire. Moreover, legislation is drawn up in a participatory process involving all stakeholders, including civil society organizations.
135.92	Accepted	
135.93	Noted	This recommendation is questionable, as it wrongly suggests that the organization of elections that meet the relevant standards depends on the goodwill of the public authority. Electoral processes in Côte d'Ivoire are conducted in compliance with the Constitution and the relevant laws and regulations adopted to guarantee their credibility.
135.94	Noted	This recommendation is not applicable because the 2024 Ordinance guarantees the desired favourable environment.
135.95	Noted	
135.96	Accepted	
135.97	Partially accepted Accepted: Continue promoting fundamental freedoms, including press freedom Noted: Establish a mechanism to protect human rights defenders	The reference to establishing a mechanism to protect human rights defenders is noted because such a mechanism – the Committee for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders – has been in existence since 10 November 2021.
135.98	Noted	This recommendation is without purpose because the rule of law benefits all persons under the jurisdiction of Côte d'Ivoire.
135.99	Accepted	
135.100	Noted	See comments to recommendation No. 135.93.
135.101	Partially accepted Accepted: Strengthen democratic participation and, correspondingly, the social acceptance of elections Noted: by prolonging the time intervals for the registration of voters significantly	The periods for the registration of voters may only be extended in accordance with current legislation. Furthermore, the suggested significant extension of voter registration periods is not quantified, so that implementation of this part of the recommendation cannot be verified.
135.102	Accepted	
135.103	Accepted	
135.104	Accepted	

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135.105	Accepted	
135.106	Accepted	
135.107	Accepted	
135.108	Accepted	
135.109	Accepted	
135.110	Accepted	
135.111	Accepted	
135.112	Accepted	
135.113	Accepted	
135.114	Accepted	
135.115	Accepted	
135.116	Accepted	
135.117	Accepted	
135.118	Accepted	
135.119	Accepted	
135.120	Accepted	
135.121	Accepted	
135.122	Noted	Côte d'Ivoire, which has made the fight against child labour, including on cocoa plantations, a priority, is not experiencing any form of trafficking in children on these plantations.
135.123	Accepted	
135.124	Accepted	
135.125	Accepted	
135.126	Accepted	
135.127	Accepted	
135.128	Accepted	
135.129	Accepted	
135.130	Accepted	
135.131	Accepted	
135.132	Accepted	
135.133	Accepted	
135.134	Accepted	
135.135	Accepted	
135.136	Accepted	
135.137	Accepted	

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135.138	Accepted	
135.139	Accepted	
135.140	Accepted	
135.141	Accepted	
135.142	Accepted	
135.143	Accepted	
135.144	Accepted	
135.145	Accepted	
135.146	Accepted	
135.147	Accepted	
135.148	Accepted	
135.149	Accepted	
135.150	Accepted	
135.151	Accepted	
135.152	Partially accepted Accepted: Provide access to free menstrual health products in schools Noted: and in all public toilets	In the Ivorian context, providing menstrual health products in public toilets is not likely to achieve the desired goal.
135.153	Accepted	
135.154	Noted	The decriminalization of abortion in all circumstances is compatible neither with the Constitution, nor with the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol).
135.155	Noted	This recommendation is no longer applicable because the Criminal Code has already been amended to depenalize abortion, in accordance with the Maputo Protocol.
135.156	Noted	See comments to recommendation Nos. 135.154 and 135.155.
135.157	Accepted	
135.158	Accepted	
135.159	Accepted	
135.160	Accepted	
135.161	Accepted	
135.162	Accepted	
135.163	Accepted	
135.164	Accepted	

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135.165	Accepted	
135.166	Accepted	
135.167	Accepted	
135.168	Accepted	
135.169	Accepted	
135.170	Accepted	
135.171	Accepted	
135.172	Accepted	
135.173	Accepted	
135.174	Accepted	
135.175	Accepted	
135.176	Accepted	
135.177	Accepted	
135.178	Accepted	
135.179	Accepted	
135.180	Accepted	
135.181	Accepted	
135.182	Noted	This recommendation lacks clarity.
135.183	Accepted	
135.184	Accepted	
135.185	Accepted	
135.186	Accepted	
135.187	Accepted	
135.188	Accepted	
135.189	Accepted	
135.190	Accepted	
135.191	Accepted	
135.192	Accepted	
135.193	Accepted	
135.194	Accepted	
135.195	Accepted	
135.196	Accepted	
135.197	Accepted	
135.198	Accepted	
135.199	Accepted	

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135.200	Accepted	
135.201	Accepted	
135.202	Accepted	
135.203	Accepted	
135.204	Accepted	
135.205	Accepted	
135.206	Accepted	
135.207	Accepted	
135.208	Accepted	
135.209	Accepted	
135.210	Accepted	
135.211	Accepted	
135.212	Accepted	
135.213	Accepted	
135.214	Accepted	
135.215	Accepted	
135.216	Accepted	
135.217	Accepted	
135.218	Accepted	
135.219	Accepted	
135.220	Noted	The Criminal Code is sufficiently comprehensive.
135.221	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.220.
135.222	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.220.
135.223	Accepted	
135.224	Accepted	
135.225	Accepted	
135.226	Noted	Given the existence of the Criminal Code, this recommendation is without purpose.
135.227	Accepted	
135.228	Partially accepted Accepted: Implement existing legislation to prevent gender-based violence Noted: Modify Act No. 2019-574 to include	See comment to recommendation No. 135.214.

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	provisions to prevent domestic violence	
135.229	Accepted	
135.230	Accepted	
135.231	Accepted	
135.232	Partially accepted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.220.
	Redouble efforts to harmonize national laws with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	
	Noted: Advocate for a comprehensive law to prevent, combat and punish all forms of gender-based violence	
135.233	Accepted	
135.234	Accepted	
135.235	Accepted	
135.236	Accepted	
135.237	Accepted	
135.238	Accepted	
135.239	Accepted	
135.240	Accepted	
135.241	Accepted	
135.242	Accepted	
135.243	Accepted	
135.244	Accepted	
135.245	Accepted	
135.246	Accepted	
135.247	Accepted	
135.248	Accepted	
135.249	Accepted	
135.250	Accepted	
135.251	Accepted	
135.252	Accepted	
135.253	Accepted	
135.254	Accepted	
135.255	Accepted	
135.256	Accepted	

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135.257	Accepted	
135.258	Accepted	
135.259	Accepted	
135.260	Accepted	
135.261	Noted	All persons under the jurisdiction of Côte d'Ivoire enjoy the protection against discrimination afforded them by the law.
135.262	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.261.
135.263	Noted	The protection afforded by criminal law is enjoyed by all persons under the jurisdiction of Côte d'Ivoire.
135.264	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.263.
135.265	Noted	Gender is not a choice in Côte d'Ivoire. Moreover, the various forms of discrimination prohibited under international law are already prohibited and criminalized under the Criminal Code.
135.266	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.265.
135.267	Noted	Côte d'Ivoire does not recognize any categories other than masculine and feminine.
135.268	Noted	All persons benefit from the protection of the Constitution, without discrimination.
135.269	Noted	See comment to recommendation No. 135.263.
135.270	Accepted	
135.271	Accepted	
135.272	Accepted	
135.273	Accepted	

5. In total, of the **273 recommendations received**, **226** were accepted by Côte d'Ivoire, **37** were noted and **10** were partially accepted.

6. The complete list of recommendations, together with their numbers and the position and comments of Côte d'Ivoire, is annexed to this addendum.