

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 33rd Session

Universal Periodic Review of Côte d'Ivoire

Statement by Australia

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Thank you [President/Vice President]

Australia welcomes measures taken by Côte d'Ivoire to address previous recommendations and we congratulate the Commission for Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation on submitting its final report.

However, significant human rights challenges remain including ending impunity, ensuring respect of the rights of women and girls, and the prevalence of female genital mutilation (FGM).

Australia recommends that Côte d'Ivoire:

1. Make the report from the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission publicly available and develop a clear reparation policy.
2. Allocate greater resources to combat sexual violence, including by armed forces personnel, and to prosecute perpetrators.
3. Enforce Law no 98-757 of 23 December 1998 on the punishment of certain forms of violence against women and raise awareness of the harmful effects of FGM and the penalties incurred by perpetrators of FGM.
4. Strengthen efforts to address inequality, violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

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