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(Geneva) - Côte d'Ivoire is scheduled to be reviewed at the 19th session of the Universal Periodic Review in April-May 2014.

Human rights defenders in Côte d'Ivoire operate in the context of a State undergoing transition from conflict. This context creates an environment of insecurity for their work and also makes the recognition and protection of their work crucial to promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Certain groups of defenders are at particular risk, including journalists and those working to promote and protect LGBT rights.

In September 2013, the Ivorian Council of Ministers adopted a draft law on the protection of human rights defenders. The UPR of Côte d'Ivoire represents an important opportunity for States and the Human Rights Council to encourage the Government to further develop and fully implement this law.

This [Briefing Paper on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Côte d'Ivoire](#) (also [available in French](#)) is intended to assist States and other stakeholders to formulate questions and recommendations regarding the protection of human rights defenders during the UPR.

For further information about the Briefing Paper or for any assistance or advice in the formulation of recommendations, please contact ISHR's Head of African Advocacy, Clement Voule, on c.voule@ishr.ch.

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