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Addendum

IVORY COAST

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It would appear that the concept of "minorities", as formulated in the draft, does not correspond to reality as regards public law in the Ivory Coast, since the 1960 Constitution guarantees the equality of all ethnic and tribal groups, safeguards freedom of thought and association, condemns racial discrimination and proclaims a secular State.

This definition and the allied rules for protection are therefore inoperative and the Ivory Coast cannot subscribe to them without creating ambiguity in respect of its Constitution.