

Universal Periodic Review of Mali – intervention by Poland

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Mali for their participation in the UPR process, submission and the presentation of their second national report.

The delegation of Poland would like to express its concern over the developments in northern Mali and the resulting widespread violations of basic human rights, as well as the grave humanitarian situation.

Poland notes the efforts of the government of Mali, aimed at developing national policies and action plans for the promotion and protection of human rights, including on the equality of sexes, forced and early marriages and the elimination of child labour.

Poland would like to make the following recommendations:

- **ensure that all those responsible for violations of human rights, including the right to life, liberty and security, be brought to justice;**
- **ensure that freedom of religion or belief be observed in all parts of the country and all religious sites be duly protected;**
- **improve and ensure adequate access to health care and education for children.**

Thank you, Mr. President.