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UPR of Mali

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mali and appreciates its presence in Geneva as well as the presentation of national report.

We noted several positive steps taken by Mali after the first review of the UPR such as the establishment of the National Commission on Human Rights in 2009, and ratification of some international human rights treaties.

Mali accepted the Slovenian recommendation concerning the full integration of gender perspective in the UPR process. In this regard we noted the establishment of committees in the ministries, dealing with this issue.

Taking into account the difficult situation in Northern Mali, we call on the Government of Mali to make the necessary efforts to ensure the respect of human rights of all the people of Mali and to investigate all human rights violations and held accountable those responsible for violations.

We would like to offer the following recommendations to Mali:

- To ensure full respect of women's rights;
- To adopt all necessary measures to combat effectively the child labor and trafficking of children;
- To report regularly to international treaty bodies and submit promptly all due reports;
- To ratify the ICCPR-OP2 without reservations aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Thank you.