

Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Mali to the second cycle of the Universal periodic review and would like to thank them on the comprehensive statement and informative report.

We congratulate Mali on their efforts to implement the recommendations made to them in the first cycle of UPR.

We welcome the progress made by Mali regarding women's right and we encourage them to continue their efforts in solving the obstacles with regard to access to property , secondary and higher education, employment and income-generating activities.

And here we would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1- To look into amending the Family Code in accordance with international standards on women's human rights.
- 2- To look into ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- 3- To continue their efforts aiming at protecting freedom of expression and end practices that threaten the right to freedom of expression, including threats against journalists and media.