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Sir/Madame President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Burkina Faso and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan congratulates Burkina Faso for the development of the normative and institutional framework and public policies for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country and we welcome the measures and reforms taken by the Government on this path.

Since its first UPR, Burkina Faso has continued the accession to the important human rights instruments. In this regard, we acknowledge the constructive contribution of Burkina Faso to the promotion and protection of human rights as one of the members of the Human Rights Council.

We appreciate the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Commission in accordance with Paris Principles and recommend Burkina Faso to further its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activity of this entity within the country.

We praise the measures aimed at the promotion of civic responsibility to improve responsible citizenship through a culture of values and respect for human rights, including the creation of the Ministry of Human Rights and the Promotion of Civic Responsibility. We recommend Burkina Faso to continue its measures on this field.

Thank you for attention.