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Review of Burkina Faso

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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Burkina Faso and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt notes the breadth and thoroughness of the consultations the government of Burkina Faso conducted in preparation of its national report, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system and reflects its ~~legacy in~~ *commitment to* democratic practice.

We have examined with interest what was mentioned in the report and we welcome the establishment of the Ministry of Human Rights and the Promotion of Civic Responsibility in 2012, as well as the establishment of the National Council of Civil Society Organizations and the National Council for the Advancement of Women. We also positively note the efforts exerted by Burkina Faso concerning investment and recruitment in fulfilment of the recommendation made during the universal periodic review 2008 on the right to education, resulting in more widespread enjoyment of such a right.

We believe that Burkina Faso has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, upholding the principles of international human rights law and arguing that the fundamental mission of the body is the promotion of peace and multilateralism. In that vein, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Burkina Faso, hoping that it will consider adopting them:

- 1- To maintain its positive efforts to improve the juvenile justice system in conformity with the Convention and the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice and adopt the rules of procedure for the functioning of the new juvenile justice system.
- 2- To continuing to prioritize the allocation of financial and human resources to the health sector, and focusing on preventive measures and treatment.

- 3- To ensure that rural women participate in decision-making processes and have full access to education, health services, credit and marketing facilities, land and income-generating projects.
- 4- To continue strengthening services for children with disabilities and policies for their inclusion in regular education; to train professionals and teachers; and to make schools accessible for them.

Finally, we support the request by Burkina Faso that the international community through international cooperation, assist in implementing the action plans developed for the promotion and protection of all human rights.

I thank you.

