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Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso led by H.E. Ms. Julie Prudence Somda-Nigna, Minister of Human Rights and civil Promotion.

We commend the progress made by Burkina Faso in implementation of the accepted recommendations.

We note with satisfaction that Burkina Faso has taken important stapes in developing an action plan to implement recommendations of the Council.

We welcome the initiatives of the Government of Burkina Faso to develop the national policy on human rights and promotion of civic responsibility as well as the introduction of free birth registration certificate issuance scheme.

We commend the Government for the establishment of the Consultative Council for Political Reforms to ensure peace and social cohesion in the country through consensual measures. We encourage the Government to continue in its efforts in rectify the inequality between men and women and in the fight against the spread of harmful traditional practices.

Thus, we would like to recommend to the Government of Burkina Faso

- To continue promoting and encouraging locally based and member based and driven civil societies in the country.

- To double its effort in fighting harmful traditional practices;
- To further incorporate human rights education in school curricula; and
- To further strengthening the criminal justice system and prison management in the country.

Finally, we call the international community to provide technical and capacity building assistance as requested by the country.

Thank you