

STATEMENT BY GHANA AT THE UPR OF BURKINA FASO  
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Mr. President,

Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Burkina Faso and commends them for the detailed national report, and notes in particular the participatory nature of the report.

Ghana notes the measures taken by Burkina Faso in its commitment to implement the recommendations accepted at its first periodic review, including the establishment of Human rights Ministry and the National Council for the Advancement of Women.

Ghana commends the progress being made in the effort to educate the public on human rights and to defend and protect human rights of its citizens. It is also worthy to note the priorities which have been highlighted in order to reach their specific goals.

Mr. President, Ghana notes the difficulties and constraints that hinder the free exercise of human rights in the country and calls on the international community to extend all necessary support to Burkina Faso to enable the country address these difficulties, in particular in the fight against trafficking of children.

I thank you Mr. President

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