

**Statement by Hungary – Burkina Faso, UPR Session 16, 22 April 2013**

Thank you Mister President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso and commends the government on the inclusive, transparent and elaborate manner in which it has prepared its national report, consulting with a wide range of stakeholders.

Hungary positively notes the various policies to improve women's rights in the country, such as the National Gender Policy and the Job Creation Programme for Young People and Women and we welcome the establishment of the National Councils for Advancement of Women and to Combat Female Circumcision. We remain concerned, however, about the persistence of discriminatory laws relating to family life, in particular as regards the age of marriage and polygamy, and about the lack of legal framework to address violence against women. **We recommend** that Burkina Faso eliminate provisions on polygamy, set the minimum age for marriage for boys and girls at 18 years and adopt specific legislation to prohibit violence against women, including domestic violence.

While welcoming Burkina Faso's efforts to address child labour, we are concerned that economic exploitation of children continues to be a widespread phenomenon. **We recommend** that Burkina Faso intensify its efforts to combat all forms of child labour by strengthening the labour inspectorate to ensure effective implementation of child labour laws, both in formal and informal sectors.

Finally, we believe that Burkina Faso, in its continued efforts to improve the human rights situation on the ground, would benefit from an enhanced cooperation with human rights mechanisms. **We therefore recommend** that Burkina Faso extend a standing invitation to all mandate holders.

Thank you Mr. President