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Remarks by Ireland on the review of Burkina Faso

Ireland thanks the delegation of Burkina Faso for its comprehensive presentation, as well as for its report, which sets out clearly the action taken in response to the recommendations from the first review, including adherence to international legal instruments and the enactment of several relevant pieces of domestic legislation.

Ireland notes that consultations are continuing on the abolition of the death penalty. Ireland hopes that these consultations will be pursued with due expedition to a positive conclusion, and encourages Burkina Faso in the meantime to give legal effect to the de facto moratorium currently in place.

Ireland commends the government of Burkina Faso for its legislative reform in the area of child rights. We underline the importance of including all of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in domestic legislation. Ireland recommends that Burkina Faso adopt a comprehensive Child Code, ensuring that it covers all of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ireland notes the establishment of the National Council for the Advancement of Women, and other steps taken to promote and protect the human rights of women. Ireland recommends the adoption of specific legislation to eliminate violence against women, including domestic violence.