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**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan  
at the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Burkina Faso**

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**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Kazakhstan welcomes H.E. \_\_\_\_\_ and the esteemed delegation of Burkina Faso in the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Group on UPR and thanks them for the presentation of the National Report. The document reflects the successful steps taken by the Government for the progress in promoting and protecting the human rights and freedoms and its further strong commitments in this regard.

In this regard we positively note ratification by the Government of Burkina Faso of the following international treaties on human rights: the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education, the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol and other important documents.

It is worth also mentioning that Burkina Faso has established the Ministry of Human Rights and the Promotion of Civic Responsibility as well as several National Councils on Combatting Female Circumcision, on Civil Society Organizations, on the Advancement of Women and on Education.

To this end, our delegation calls on Burkina Faso to further strengthen its international human rights commitments and adherence to the principle of cooperation and dialogue with the UN human rights mechanisms. In particular, Kazakhstan delegation recommends:

1. To further fulfill the internationally taken obligations as well as implement the recently ratified international treaties.

2. To continue providing the full exercise of women rights within the framework of the National Gender Policy.

3. Continue policies aimed at reducing inequalities in access to the full enjoyment of human rights by all the social groups with special attention paid to women, children and persons with disabilities.

In conclusion, the delegation of Kazakhstan welcomes the general trend in Burkina Faso towards establishing a moratorium on death penalty. For this reason, we call to the Government of Burkina Faso to bring to consensus the draft legislation aimed at abolishing it.

**Thank you!**