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KENYAN STATEMENT ON THE UPR OF BURKINA FASO

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Mr. President,

Kenya warmly welcomes the high-level delegation of Burkina Faso. We have appreciated, listening with keen interest, the comprehensive presentation of their Report.

A lot of progress has been made, in a short span of time, in widening the scope of the enjoyment of human rights and basic freedoms for all. The adoption of a wide spectrum of national policies and legislation is commendable. We have been encouraged to note other tangible measures being undertaken by the Government, such as the strong working partnerships with human rights mechanisms. The ratification of key international and regional instruments, including the Convention on the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa, and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, will make an important contribution to the improvement of the lives of ordinary people.

In spite of the great strides made so far, a lot of challenges still remain on the way to the full realization of all human rights, especially economic and social rights, and not just for Burkina Faso. We would encourage continued sustainable efforts to ~~install~~^{establish} and maintain the special protections needed for vulnerable groups, including women, the youth and children.

Kenya is confident that Burkina Faso will remain steadfast in her efforts to fulfill her commitments; and we extend our ~~encouragement~~^{support}.

I thank you.