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**STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**  
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome and thank the delegation of Burkina Faso, led by H.E. Madam Julie Prudence for their excellent presentation of their national report which provides a broad overview of the achievements and challenges facing Burkina Faso in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Lesotho has read with keen interest the national report of Burkina Faso and has noted that the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution accord all citizens equal rights.

The establishment of the Ministry of Human Rights and the promotion of Civil Responsibility, and assistance to people living with disabilities are among the many remarkable achievements secured. The Government is encouraged to maintain course on this path.

However, Burkina Faso like other countries faces some challenges and obstacles in its endeavor to ensure equal rights for her citizens.

**Mr. President,**

Lesotho wishes to encourage Burkina Faso to continue its reforms to improve policies and programmes towards promotion and protection of all human rights. Lesotho further encourages Burkina Faso to take necessary steps to ratify or accede to other major international human rights instruments and which are still outstanding.

The Lesotho delegation wishes to call on international community to continue lending full support to the efforts being made by the Government of Burkina Faso towards discharging of its human rights obligations.

Finally, Lesotho wishes Burkina Faso all the success in implementing the recommendations that may come out of this review. **I thank you**