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Statement of the Special Representative-Ambassador to  
the UN HRC, Zorica Maric - Djordjevic

Burkina Faso UPR – April 22

Montenegro warmly welcomes (head of delegation) and the Burkina Faso  
delegation. We support Burkina Faso's commitments to the UPR process.

We have noticed that *H.E. Ms. Julie Puderse* CEDAW has welcomed the National Action Plan for  
2009-2013 on "Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation", and the  
National Gender Policy, adopted in 2009. We would ask the delegation to  
elaborate on the main challenges that have been identified during its  
implementation and on the activities the Government is planning to  
undertake beyond 2013? *CONVENTION on the elimination of all FORMS of Discrimination against  
women*

We strongly encourage the Government to continue the zero tolerance  
policy in combating FMG along with the other activities for the elimination  
of all forms of discrimination against women.

Montenegro makes the following recommendation:

- We call on the Government to extend a standing invitation to all thematic special procedures
- We call the Government to complete the procedure of accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and at formalizing the de facto moratorium on the death penalty