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UPR of BURKINA FASO

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Burkina Faso to the UPR and thanks them for their presentation. We also appreciate the answers to our advance questions.

We commend Burkina Faso for its activities at the national, regional and international level towards the elimination of female genital mutilation. In this connection, we **recommend** further strengthening national efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women, including FGM, and taking all the necessary measures to enable women to participate in public and private life on an equal footing with men.

Regarding our 1st cycle recommendations, we welcome the efforts of Burkina Faso to prevent trafficking in children and to protect and assist victims of trafficking, as well as its efforts towards the elimination of child labour. Regarding the latter, we support the recommendations of the ILO Committee of Experts and **recommend** that Burkina Faso continues its efforts to remove children from labour in small-scale gold mines.

Noting the report of the UN country team that a favourable trend has been achieved regarding access to safe drinking water and sanitation, we **recommend** making every effort to eliminate regional disparities in access to safe drinking water, especially between urban and rural areas.

Thank you.