



Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Mr President,

The delegation of Sri Lanka welcomes the high level delegation of Burkina Faso to the UPR Working Group.

We thank the delegation of Burkina Faso for the national report and the update provided today, which presents a comprehensive view of the developments in Burkina Faso since the first UPR.

Sri Lanka takes note of the several normative developments, especially the ratification of the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education and the adoption of various laws at the national level. The numerous public policies aimed at widespread political, economic and social development are also noteworthy.

We welcome, in particular, the establishment of the National Education Council and the National Council for the Advancement of Women.

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations to the delegation of Burkina Faso:

1. Continue efforts to promote education for all and especially ensure access to education for girls,
2. Continue efforts to support employment generation among the youth

In conclusion, we wish Burkina Faso all success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.