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Mr. President

The Ugandan delegation would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Government of Burkina Faso for fulfilling its obligations and presenting a comprehensive report on the Human rights situation in Burkina Faso. We noted in particular its impressive achievements in the following areas:

1. **The establishment of the national health policy 2011-2020** aimed at improving the health and well-being of the population by 2020. This would go a long way in improving the quality of provision and use of health services such as assistance during childbirth, treatment of obstetric emergencies, prevention of epidemics, immunization including the introduction of new vaccines and treatment of endemoepidemic diseases
2. **The Adoption of the national gender policy** which is based on the urgent need to continually struggle for gender equality and equity with strict respect for fundamental human rights and enshrining it in the Constitution
3. **The creation of the National Justice Policy 2010-2019**, with a vision of a credible, fair, independent, transparent, decentralized and competent justice system accessible to all. This will help to grass roots people who are unable to access the justice system easily.

We recommend that the Government of Burkina Faso takes more steps in sensitizing the local population in Human Rights instruments and we urge the International community to provide the Government of Burkina Faso with the necessary financial and training facilities to enable Burkina Faso Government to build the capacity of its people in Human Rights.