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**UPR of Burkina Faso**

**Statement**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

We commend the commitment of Burkina Faso to the UPR Process and take positive note of the responses the Government of Burkina Faso has provided in its national report with regard to the recommendations received during the third cycle of the UPR.

Azerbaijan takes note of the reform process that Burkina Faso goes through by the adoption of a number of important legislative texts that strengthen the protection of human rights and the independence of the judiciary. In this context, we commend the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that commenced and the abolition of the death penalty from the Criminal Code of Burkina Faso.

Azerbaijan offers Burkina Faso the following recommendations:

1. To continue the efforts in combatting gender-based violence through awareness-raising and training initiatives;
2. To maintain positive dynamics in the participation of women in the running of public affairs.

We wish the delegation of Burkina Faso a successful review.

I thank you.