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**BURKINA FASO**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr. Chair,

Czechia welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso. We welcome the agreement between the Government of Burkina Faso and the OHCHR on the opening of its new country office.

We are, however, witnessing a significant deterioration of the situation in Burkina Faso resulting in serious violations of human rights and the need for humanitarian aid for half of the population.

Therefore, we **recommend** that Burkina Faso:

1. Abolishes the death penalty and ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Issues and implements a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.
3. Protects the rights of civilians during counterterrorist actions.
4. Guarantees the right to freedom of expression and protects the journalists and their rights.

We wish Burkina Faso a successful review.

I thank you.