**Burkina FASO**

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**Statement by Iceland (no 77 of 101)**

Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso and its national report.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol of ICCPR.
2. Guarantee the same minimum age for marriage of 18 years for women and men, including for religious and traditional marriages.
3. Eradicate female genital mutilation and bring perpetrators to justice.
4. Eliminate the need for legal proceedings for women to access safe termination of pregnancy in cases of health hazards, serious illness of fetus, rape and incest, and decriminalize abortion in all other cases.
5. Amend the Penal Code to consider domestic violence a crime.
6. Review Article 1 of the Constitution to include sexual orientation and gender identity.
7. Allow identity-based organizations to register with the Directorate of Civil Liberties, freely stating their names and missions, to ensure an open civic space for LGBTQI organizations to organize, participate and communicate freely and without hindrance.

I wish Burkina Faso all success for its review.

I thank you.