

**THE 44TH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)**

**KENYA’S STATEMENT ON BURKINA FASO**

**Mr. President, Thank you.**

Kenya warmly welcomes the high-level distinguished delegation of Burkina Faso to this 4th Cycle of UPR process.

We note Burkina Faso supported all our previous recommendations, and welcome national efforts undertaken in combating Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), including spearheading, combating of FGM resolution at the Human Rights Council. We also commend the country under review for signing some of the legal instruments focussed on the protection of children, particularly during security operations.

**In a constructive spirit, Kenya makes the following recommendations for consideration:**

1. Expedite the adoption of a new Persons and Family Code, to raise the minimum age for marriage to 18 years for both men and women.
2. Develop a national action plan to combat trafficking in persons especially women and children.
3. Re-open and strengthen the capacity of the judiciary to sufficiently handle cases of terrorism and provide the necessary financial resources to the courts.

We wish the delegation of Burkina Faso a very successful UPR process.

**I thank you.**