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Review of Burkina Faso

Recommendations by Sweden

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Sweden acknowledges the challenges presented by the difficult security situation in Burkina Faso. However, we remain concerned by the continued reports of grave human rights violations committed with impunity in the name of combatting terrorism and the lack of independence in the judicial system. Other areas of concern are the lack of access for humanitarian actors and the situation for LGBTIQ persons.

Sweden would therefore like to make the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen efforts in line with recommendations accepted during previous reviews to ensure the independence, accessibility, and effectiveness of the judicial system.
2. Take effective measures to combat hate speech and acts of hate relating to sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Promptly take effective measures to ensure the safety of humanitarian actors and enhance access to persons in need, in full compliance with International Humanitarian Law.

Thank you.