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**44th session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Burkina Faso**

*(6 November 2023)*

**Intervention by Ukraine**

*(Speaking time: 1 min 10)*

**Mr Vice President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso at the 44th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We commend the efforts of Burkina Faso to reinforce the legal and institutional frameworks, particularly by adoption of a number of important legislative and regulatory texts aimed at strengthening of the human rights protection.

Ukraine calls on Burkina Faso to fully implement recommendations accepted during its previous UPR. We encourage Burkina Faso to continue the efforts to strengthen human rights protection mechanisms and in the spirit of constructive engagement, we would like to **recommend**:

* to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of death penalty, and take appropriate measures to abolish the death penalty in law for all crimes;
* to adopt additional measures to support the national mechanism for the prevention of torture;
* to intensify efforts for investigation of all credible allegations of human rights abuses and violations and hold those responsible to account.

We wish the delegation of Burkina Faso a successful review.

**I thank you.**