

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF BURKINA FASO**

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**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Burkina Faso to the Fourth cycle of the UPR. We thank them for the presentation of their national report and update.

In the spirit of a constructive engagement, Zambia wishes to recommend the following for consideration by the delegation of Burkina Faso:

1. Intensify efforts on ensuring compliance with national laws on arrests and detentions and establish effective consequences for perpetrators of arbitrary arrests and detentions;
2. Consider increasing the number of shelters in rural areas to cater for victims of gender-based violence; and
3. Develop a national strategy for the rehabilitation and social integration of former child soldiers recruited by armed terrorist groups.

We wish Burkina Faso a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.