**Oral Statement by Ambassador Delgado**

**On behalf of Cabo Verde**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Cabo Verde welcomes the delegation of Mali would like to thank the delegation for its report. We commend Mali for the progress it has made to bring about national reconciliation and peace, including ongoing efforts to ensure women’s participation in the peace-making process.

In the spirit of continued progress, Cabo Verde would like to submit the following recommendations:

1. First, ensure that the national mechanism for the prevention of torture has sufficient resources to carry out its mandate.
2. Second, ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
3. Finally, adopt a law to combat gender-based violence that includes prevention measures as well as comprehensive care for victims.

We wish Mali every success through this UPR process.

Thank you.