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Review of Mali

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden acknowledges the Malian authorities’ commitment to combat violent extremism and efforts to include more women in the public sphere. However, the human rights situation in Mali is increasingly concerning, as violence against civilians continues, extrajudicial killings carried out by state and non-state security forces are reported, freedom of expression is being curtailed and female participation in decision making processes and other political processes in Mali remains limited. Therefore, Sweden would like to make the following recommendations.

1. Ensure that Minusma is provided full and unhindered access to be able to investigate and follow-up allegations of human rights violations and abuse, in line with its mandate.
2. Ensure freedom of expression and that journalists are able to work in an unhindered manner.
3. Ensure women’s full participation in all political processes in Mali, including the Transition Process, upcoming elections, and the Alger peace process.

Thank you