**National Statement during the 4th UPR Review of Mali**

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Mr. President,

We welcome and thank the delegation of Mali for presentation of its 4th UPR report.

Recognizing the challenges posed by the multifaceted crises resulting from Covid-19 pandemic, we appreciate Mali’s cooperation with the UN human rights and UPR mechanisms. We appreciate the policy, legislative and institutional steps taken for furthering the human rights agenda, including the enactment of National Security Sector Reform Strategy and its Action Plan 2022–2024, establishing the National Torture Prevention Mechanism through the National Human Rights Commission and the National Migration Policy and Action Plan.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend Mali the following:

* Continued efforts to combat terrorism and transnational organized crime while safeguarding human rights requirements;
* Continue to take measures to improve public health and education; and
* Enhance international cooperation for promotion of rights of women and children.

We wish Mali a successful UPR.

I thank you!