**43rd Session of the UPR working group**

 **Recommendations by Finland to Mali**

**2nd May 2023**

Mr. President,

Finland welcomes the engagement of Mali in the UPR process. Finland recommends:

1. Firstly, to ensure the effective processing of all complaints of conflict-related sexual violence by the judiciary and put an end to impunity for perpetrators of violence belonging to all armed groups,
2. Secondly, to investigate human rights violations and abuses and violations of international humanitarian law committed by armed groups, the Malian security forces and the Wagner Group, and ensure accountability
3. Thirdly, to guarantee freedom of expression and opinion, peaceful assembly and association; and end all forms of arbitrary arrests, detentions and disproportionate use of force, intimidation and harassment;

Finland wishes every success to Mali in this fourth UPR-cycle.

I thank you.