Thank you Mr. President,

Iceland welcomes the government of Burundi to the UPR.

Iceland is gravely concerned that over the human rights situation in Burundi which has severely deteriorated since its last Universal Periodic Review in 2013,

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Mali:

1. To ensure unhindered access by United Nations entities, including OHCHR and the Commission of Inquiry, to all areas and to continue cooperating with the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.
2. Allow independent international and regional human rights investigators full and free access to investigate allegations of extrajudicial executions and mass grave sites.
3. To disarm all armed youth movements linked to political parties, and to investigate all actions carried out by these groups, whilst ensuring that the rights and interests of children are protected.
4. Decriminalize homosexuality.

I wish Burundi all success for it’s review,

I thank you.