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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mr. President,

Denmark warmly welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso and thanks it for its presentation today.

We commend Burkina Faso’s improved compliance with core international human rights conventions since its last UPR, in particular through enhancement of the legal framework.

Denmark commends steps taken to improve prison management and conditions of detainees. However, long delays in adjudication of criminal cases are sources of grave human rights violations, prison overcrowding and overstays on remand.

*Denmark recommends the Government to take concrete measures to put an end to lengthy detention of unconvicted detainees.*

Rural women’s access to land and inheritance rights mainly depend on customary practices. Therefore, despite legal provisions to protect their equal rights, in practice, women remain subject to considerable discrimination in these areas as they receive little or no legal recourse or protection through the formal justice system.

*Denmark recommends the Government to develop a mediation mechanism for alternative dispute resolution concerning women’s equal rights in inheritance and access to land to complement the formal justice system.*

I thank you.