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Iceland welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso to the UPR.

We welcome the adoption of a national strategy for the acceleration of girls’ education and the positive impact of its implementation in terms of increasing girls’ access to education.

However, my delegation is concerned about the extremely high rate of early pregnancy among school-age girls, and the fact that many girls in situations of poverty are forced to discontinue their schooling and support their families.

Iceland makes the following recommendations to the Government of Burkina Faso:

1. To dismantle barriers to girls’ access to education by raising awareness of the importance of education for women.
2. To decriminalize sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex.
3. To legally prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
4. To abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

I wish Burkina Faso all success for its review, I thank you