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Thank you,
Mr President, Honourable Minister

The Maldives welcomes the delegation of Burkina Faso, and the extensive efforts undertaken to uphold and promote human rights in the country. We also commend the open and constructive nature of their cooperation with the Council's UPR mechanism. We note with appreciation, that a large number of recommendations made by delegations have been accepted and enjoy the support of the country concerned. We acknowledge the myriad of activities underway to strengthen national institutions, to harmonize domestic legislation and national policies being implemented to address specific human rights issues. Furthermore, such efforts would no doubt be greatly enhanced by the initiative of the Government of Burkina Faso, to fully update its reporting under various international human rights instruments.

In conclusion, we hope that Burkina Faso would continue its constructive and friendly engagement with the Council in moving forward. We call for the adoption of the report, and wish them well in the implementation of these recommendations.

I thank you.