

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BURKINA FASO (FIRST BATCH) – REV.1

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

- We would be grateful if the Government of Burkina Faso could elaborate on the concrete steps taken to protect children and the most vulnerable from human trafficking. We would also be interested to hear what future plans the government has.
- The law and constitution of Burkina Faso prohibit torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, yet we continue to see reports of torture committed by law enforcement agents. What action has the government taken to address allegations torture by law enforcement agents?
- In December 2016 the Justice Minister pledged to regulate the ‘Kogleweogo’ militia’s activities. What subsequent steps has the government taken to address the militia’s continued human rights abuses?
- During the 2013 Universal Periodic Review, Burkina Faso accepted seven recommendations to end early and forced marriage. How does the government intend to implement these recommendations to address the continued high rates of early and forced marriage?
- What steps is the Government of Burkina Faso taking to promote and ensure girls education at primary and secondary level?

URUGUAY

- Recognizing the value that Burkina Faso gives to organized civil society work, Uruguay would like to receive information on the measures that the country has taken regarding the late attacks to human rights defenders.
- Is Burkina Faso considering the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, as was noted during the Second Cycle?

SWEDEN

- What steps has the Government of Burkina Faso taken to ensure the full and effective implementation of the law adopted in 2015 on the prevention, punishment and reparation of violence against women and girls, including forced marriages, and support for victims?

- What concrete steps will the Government of Burkina Faso take to improve prison conditions, both the physical conditions of prisoners and their legal rights including the right to a fair trial?

GERMANY

- Which steps has Burkina Faso taken in regards to the **abolition of the death penalty**?
- Which measures are in place to **fight terrorism**?
- Which steps has Burkina Faso taken to make the **national observatory for the prevention of torture operational** and to allocate the necessary resources as recommended by the Committee on Enforced Disappearances and the Human Rights Committee?
- Which steps has Burkina Faso taken to **ensure a safe and enabling space for all human rights defenders**, for example through strong public statements recognizing their legitimate and important role and by holding all those to account who stigmatize the work of human rights defenders?
- How is Burkina Faso implementing legislation and specific programs to **protect girls from sexual violence and early pregnancies**, and to include comprehensive and effective training programs on sexual and reproductive health in school curricula?