



Statement of Ireland
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Review of Burkina Faso

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Mr Vice-President,

Ireland thanks the delegation of Burkina Faso for its presentation.

We note Burkina Faso's efforts to advance human rights since the last UPR cycle, including the signing of a host-country agreement with OHCHR to establish a new country office.

Ireland remains concerned by restrictions on freedom of expression, press freedom and civic space in Burkina Faso, and is particularly worried by reports of intimidation and attacks on journalists and HRDs.

Ireland also notes with concern reports of hate speech and incitement to violence against LGBTQI+ persons.

Ireland recommends Burkina Faso:

1. Provide a safe and enabling environment for journalists, including by reversing suspensions and expulsions that restrict press freedom.
2. Review the provisions of Article 1 of the Constitution to ensure protection for LGBTQI+ persons from all forms of violence and discrimination.
3. Conduct prompt and impartial investigations into allegations of extrajudicial killings and hold perpetrators accountable.

We wish Burkina Faso every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.