

STATEMENT BY GHANA ON UPR OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

Madam President,

The Ghana delegation welcomes the delegation of Algeria, ^{led by the Hon. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We} and commends the government for its efforts to implement the recommendations accepted at the ^{cycle of as well as the legislative reforms undertaken to advance the rights of women and children.} ~~last~~ UPR. We note from the national report ^{that} Algeria has acceded to eight of the nine main human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and ^{commend} ~~welcome~~ the efforts being made to implement it.

The Report of stakeholder submissions, however, indicates, among others, that Persons with disabilities face many obstacles resulting in their exclusion from society. Ghana urges the government of Algeria to put in place measures to improve the situation of persons with disabilities, and ^{would like to encourage the government} ~~makes the following~~ recommendations:

- ^{to further the} - improve ^{the} accessibility of persons with disabilities, to public places.
- Increase representation of persons with disabilities in national bodies.
- bring the definition of 'disability' in national legislation in line with that of the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.
- Put in place continuous public awareness programmes to help ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are respected and protected.

Thank you Madam President.