

STATEMENT BY GHANA AT THE UPR OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

The Ghana delegation welcomes the delegation of Morocco, and commends the government for the participatory approach and consultations it undertook in the preparation of the national report. We also commend the government for the steps it has taken to implement the recommendations accepted at the 2008 UPR, and to ensure that the human rights of its peoples are respected and safeguarded.

We welcome Morocco's reform efforts including inter-alia, the adoption of a new Constitution, promoting and protecting women and children's rights, and the establishment and development of national human rights institutions, improving the conditions of detention facilities and prisons, and urge the government to ensure the continuous strengthening of all institutions charged with safeguarding the human rights of the people.

In accordance with the OHCHR report on Morocco, we urge expeditious process by government towards the ratification of ILO Conventions, in particular, Conventions No. 189, 169 and 87, and also to bring the labour law in line with international standards.

We also endorse the recommendation by the CHDM, the disability rights promotion group, that Morocco submit its initial report to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and mobilize the necessary resources for the education and well-being of children with disabilities, in particular, autistic children.

I thank you Madam President.