

**STATEMENT BY GHANA ON UPR OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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Madam President,

The Ghana delegation welcomes the South African delegation led by the Hon. ... We commend South Africa for the

We appreciate the comprehensive national report and the presentation, and congratulate the government for the achievements made in the areas of health, education, land reform, social security and job creation, among others, as well as the institutional and administrative measures put in place not only to implement the recommendations of the first cycle UPR, but to ensure the realization of a better life for all South Africans, and to achieve social cohesion.

We welcome the establishment of the Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities, and the Departments for Basic Education and Higher Education & Training. We believe that empowering women and providing good quality education for children are important elements of nation building. We therefore urge the government to vigorously implement the Action Plan adopted *towards the Realisation of Schooling 2025*.

Given the effects of years of colonialism and discrimination, we congratulate South Africa for what it has been able to achieve in 18 years of independence after years of colonialism and discrimination. We also commend the government for acknowledging the challenges and constraints it faces in implementing its policies and programmes, and we support South Africa's request for technical assistance in addressing the challenge of cross border migration.

I thank you, Madam President.