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Mme. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Ghana and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for the informative and comprehensive report that the delegation has presented, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system and reflects its legacy in democratic practice.

We have examined with interest what was mentioned in the report since the 1st UPR cycle and we welcome the acceleration by the government of Ghana to implement effectively the existing legislation and programmes and the numerous interventions introduced lately, which have had a positive impact on quality of life of Ghanaians and the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We note the challenges faced by Ghana outlined in its national report, specifically on issues related to combating corruption. Our delegation is interested to know if there are any lessons learned in this regard, related to the protection and promotion of human rights.

Finally Mr. President, in a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, our delegation wishes to recommend that the Government of Ghana continues its current efforts in the field of promotion and protection of women's rights.

I thank you.