

Statement made by the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group on Ghana
23 October 2012

Madam President,

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of Ghana and would like to thank them for their presentation.

Ghana has provided an example of African stability and peaceful political transition. Using this opportunity Kyrgyzstan would like to wish successful conduct of the Presidential election in December 2012.

Kyrgyzstan notes with appreciation that in June 2012, the government accepted the recommendation of the Constitution Review Commission to abolish the death penalty in the Constitution.

The Kyrgyz Republic commends Ghana for the measures undertaken by the government to make constitutional and administrative changes in the areas of the right to housing, the right to education and elimination of harmful traditional practices, including female genital mutilation.

We welcome Ghana's intention to set up an inter-ministerial implementation Committee to oversee the implementation of the UPR process. We believe that a more straightened and cohesive approach on human rights protection will contribute to attraction of investment and result in lasting improvement in the daily lives of all who lives in Ghana.

Madam President,

Kyrgyzstan however notes the serious concern, raised by international bodies regarding trafficking of women and children for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labour.

In this regard we recommend: prevent and combat trafficking in human beings, by protecting victims and ensuring their access to medical, social, rehabilitative, legal and counselling services; ensure adequate conditions for victims to make complaints; conduct impartial investigations and punish those responsible.