

STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Ghana

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Thank you Madam President,

We welcome H.E. MR. EBO BARTO ODRO and the delegation of Ghana to the ~~14th Session of the UPR Working Group~~^{SESSION} and thank the Ghanaian delegation for the presentation of its national report.

2. Malaysia acknowledges the progress made by ~~the Government of~~ Ghana on the implementation of the accepted recommendations at its first cycle of the UPR in 2008, particularly, on the establishment of a Constitutional Review Commission to review the various human rights-related institutions in the country including the Courts, the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, the Police and the Prisons Service, among others. ~~(Malaysia also commends Ghana's effort in addressing issues related to sexual and gender-based violence through the establishment of a Domestic Violence Secretariat in 2008 to provide coordination and facilitate the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act by all stakeholders.)~~

3. Malaysia ~~also~~ recognizes the advancement made by Ghana in the areas of health, children and education, combating corruption and land management. At the same time, we are very encouraged to note that Ghana had earlier this year ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. All these bear testimony to the commitment by the Government to further promote and protect the human rights of its citizens, which in turn would contribute to the overall improvement of the social, economic and political well-being of its people.

4. ~~As part of our contribution to constructively engage with the Ghanaian delegation in the UPR process,~~^{two} my delegation would like to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of ~~the Government of~~ Ghana:

4.1 to undertake effective policy measures and develop the necessary infrastructure to address issues concerning the rights of persons with disabilities. ~~This is as a follow-up to Ghana's ratification to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in March 2012 and~~

4.2 to intensify efforts to address gender disparities and combat violence against women including through the strengthening of law enforcement in accordance with its

Domestic Violence Act as well as media and education programmes aimed at increasing public awareness and sensitivities on the rights of women.

I thank you, Madam President.

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