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STATEMENT ON UPR OF CAMEROON

Mr. President,

The delegation of Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Cameroon, and thanks them for the informative national report and the additional information provided this morning.

Ghana commends Cameroon for the efforts made and progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations accepted at the first UPR and welcome the establishment of an inter-ministerial body to monitor the implementation of UPR recommendations. We commend the ratification of a number of international and regional human rights instruments, as well as instruments on international humanitarian law, and the programmes and activities organized to raise public awareness and promote respect for human rights, especially concerning violence against women. We recognize the measures taken to eradicate harmful traditional practices against women and to combat FGM and other gender-based violence.

Ghana however notes the challenges faced in promoting and protecting women's rights and shares the concern of CEDAW concerning the deep-rooted stereotype concerning women's roles and responsibilities and discrimination in land ownership. We urge Cameroon to ensure equal opportunities for women in the labour market and increase access to social services for women in the informal sector.

Finally, Mr. President, Ghana calls on the international community to support Cameroons call for capacity building and technical assistance needs in the areas highlighted in paragraph 97 of the national report.

I Thank You.

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