

STATEMENT OF THE GHANA DELEGATION ON THE 2ND UPR OF CAMBODIA AT THE
PALAIS DES NATIONS ON TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2014 PRESENTED BY MR
EBENEZER APPREKU, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GHANA, GENEVA

Mr President,

Thank you Mr President for giving me the floor.

Ghana commends the Government of Cambodia for the constructive and comprehensive report on its second UPR report which we note was prepared through a transparent process involving civil society.

This second review exercise reflects the commitment of Cambodia to the importance of the UPR process as an innovative mechanism of this Council to promote and protect human rights worldwide, with no country or community left behind.

Ghana appreciates the progress being made in the work of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC/the Khmer Rouge Tribunal) which is aimed punishing and deterring impunity. Ghana also recognizes the efforts being made by the Government and people of Cambodia to tackle outstanding challenges in strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights including respect for the independence and impartiality of the judiciary, as well as adherence to due process and freedom from torture.

Recommendation

Ghana recommends that Cambodia as a signatory to the United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants and Members of their families, since 27 September 2000 may take necessary steps to ratify that Convention.

Thank you Mr President