

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

Mr President,

Being the first time we are taking the floor, let me on the outset congratulate you on your election while assuring you of Ghana's fullest support during your Presidency.

Ghana commends the Government of Chile for the constructive and comprehensive report on its second UPR report which we note was prepared through an open and consultative process. This second review reflects the commitment of Chile to the UPR process as a key international mechanism for the protection of human rights in all countries.

Ghana also notes the progress made by the Government and people of Chile in the field of human rights since Chile's first report and would encourage Chile to continue to address the remaining challenges with a view to enhancing the culture of respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Recommendation

Ghana recognizes that Chile as a state party to the Rome Statute on establishment of the ICC and an active member of the *Friends of the Responsibility to Protect*, has demonstrated her commitment to the fight against impunity and the strengthening of international criminal justice mechanisms in respect of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing resulting from grave breaches of human rights.

Ghana, therefore, recommends the early accession by Chile to the 1968 Convention on the Non-Applicability of the Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity without any reservations that might defeat the purpose and object of that Convention.

Thank you Mr President