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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR EBENEZER APPREKU,  
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE REVIEW OF ERITREA MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014**

Thank you Mr/Madam President for giving me the floor

Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Eritrea to the current session and congratulates the delegation for the presentation of Eritrea's second UPR report prepared we note from paragraph 4 of the report, following broad consultations.

Ghana notes, with satisfaction, Eritrea's commitment to the UPR mechanism aimed at promoting the respect and a conducive environment for the exercise of universally accepted fundamental human rights of all peoples, be they citizens or non-citizens. Pursuant to the recommendations that Eritrea accepted during the first review cycle, Ghana commends Eritrea for reporting the finalization of the necessary domestic procedures to ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the ILO Convention on Worst Forms of Child Labour and the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. Ghana would encourage Eritrea to complete the processes and take the necessary domestic measures to ensure implementation.

In light of issues raised in the Eritrea's report and related documents, Ghana would like to make the following recommendations to Eritrea:

Eritrea to step up cooperation with the Human Rights Council, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Special Procedures and treaty bodies to address the remaining human rights challenges identified in Eritrea's report

To take urgent steps to promulgate and implement its national constitution guaranteeing universally recognized fundamental human rights for all citizens and the rest of its population

To establish an independent Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles

In closing, Ghana wishes Eritrea, like all other States under consideration during this session, a successful second cycle review

I thank you Mr President.