

STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DURING SECOND CYCLE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF URUGUAY AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2014 DELIVERED BY MR EBENEZER APPREKU, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GHANA, GENEVA

Thank you Mr President or giving me the floor.

Mr President

Ghana welcomes the delegation of Uruguay and commends the Government of Uruguay for the presentation Uruguay's second UPR report drafted following national consultations. The progress so far achieved by Uruguay in the implementation of various recommendations made during the first review cycle is equally commendable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Nonetheless, in light of the remaining human rights challenges discussed in Uruguay's report, Ghana wishes to make the following recommendations:

-The Executive and Judicial authorities in Uruguay should continue to cooperate to facilitate investigations into serious violations of human rights, including cases of involuntary disappearances that occurred during the era of *Operation Condor*

- Uruguay should sustain the broad consultation methodology including continuing the effective participation of civil society organizations in the work of the *Inter-Institutional Commission for the Preparation of Reports under the UPR Mechanism and Treaty Bodies*

-finally to maintain the respect for the independence of Uruguay's National Human Rights Institution and Ombudsman Office during the reporting process

Thank you Mr President