

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 21ST SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW - STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE
GHANA DELEGATION ON THE SECOND CYCLE REVIEW OF KYRGYZSTAN**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Ghana warmly welcomes the delegation of Kyrgyzstan and applaud their dedication to the UPR Mechanism. We commend them for the comprehensive report they submitted.

We applaud Kyrgyzstan for the adoption of a new Constitution in 2010 which with significant human rights provisions. Ghana wishes to recommend that Kyrgyzstan should consider ratifying the following treaties:

- The Rome Statute on International Criminal Court
- Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Ghana welcomes the establishment of the National Council on Gender issues and we recommend that Kyrgyzstan takes the necessary steps to ensure that the Council becomes fully operational. We also recommend that Kyrgyzstan enforces existing criminal laws including ensuring that perpetrators of gender-based violence and bride-kidnapping and abductions are brought to justice.

Finally Ghana recommends that Kyrgyzstan considers issuing Standing Invitation to all Special Procedures.

Thank you, Mr. President.