

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL – 22ND SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW – STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE
DELEGATION OF GHANA AT THE SECOND CYCLE REVIEW OF LIBERIA
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Thank you Mr. President

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation from Liberia and applaud them for their continued commitment to the UPR process. Ghana further commends Liberia for its well prepared report which was submitted inspite of the challenges the country faces in the fight against Ebola Virus Disease. Ghana wishes to affirm its solidarity with the Government and people of Liberia and wishes them the very best in this second cycle review.

Ghana applauds Liberia for the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2012.

Ghana also notes with satisfaction the steps taken by Liberia to ratify some of the Human Rights Conventions to which it is a signatory. In this regard Ghana recommends that Liberia re-double efforts to ensure the ratification of the following:

- International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families (ICRMW);
- International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED); and
- Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (OP-ICCPR).

Ghana welcomes the establishment of the Independent National Commission on Human Rights (INCHR), and calls on the international community to support Liberia to ensure that the Commission operates at full capacity.

Ghana further wishes to recommend that Liberia:

1. Issues standing invitations to all Special Procedures
2. Submits its overdue reports to the Human Rights treaty bodies
3. Eliminate all forms of discrimination, in particular against children in vulnerable situations
4. Provide CEDAW with information on the steps taken to incorporate a definition of discrimination against women into appropriate national legislation and the incorporation of the principle of equality between women and men into the Constitution.

Thank you, Mr. President.