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**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 23<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP  
(2<sup>ND</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015):**

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW  
OF AUSTRIA ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH  
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor

The delegation of Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Austria and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report. Ghana notes with appreciation that Austria has ratified the OPCAT and the ICPPED in line with recommendations made by member States of this Council during their last UPR.

Ghana lauds the efforts put in place so far by the Austrian government to accommodate significant number of migrants seeking refuge in Europe, including the provision of decent living conditions for the migrants, although this is still a challenge. Ghana urges Austria to continue to play this positive role while improving the living conditions of the migrants.

The delegation of Ghana is however concerned about the report of domestic violence, particularly against women in Austria and on this note wishes to urge Austria to consider instituting appropriate mechanisms to address all issues of domestic violence.

Finally, Ghana recommends to Austria to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol of the ICESCR and the Third Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ghana wishes Austria well with their UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.