

**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 LEBANON ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH  
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor

Ghana commends Lebanon for their cooperation with various human rights mechanisms and treaty bodies, particularly the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee Against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

However, Ghana is concerned about reports of continuing acts of torture perpetrated by some elements of the Lebanese armed forces and law enforcement agencies against persons in custody.

In the light of the relevant reports before this Session on the situation and status of Lebanon in respect of human rights, my delegation wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Lebanon:

To take appropriate steps to address acts of torture of all persons, including migrants in detention, and to tackle the phenomenon of child labour and ensure that all children of school going age have unimpeded access to education.

To ratify various International human rights statutes and conventions, including the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the ILO conventions No. 87, 169 and 189.

Mr. President,

To conclude, Ghana wishes Lebanon a successful UPR outcome.

I thank you Mr. President.