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**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
OF NAURU ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2015**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2015**

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor.

Ghana welcomes the oral update by the distinguished delegation of Nauru and applauds them for their commitment to the UPR mechanism of this Council. My delegation is gratified to note that Nauru has ratified significant number of international human rights instruments, including among others the CEDAW, CAT, CRC and the CRPD.

Ghana however believes that Nauru can make further significant strides in the human right arena and on this note wish to make the following recommendations:

- That in line with the UN Minimum Standards Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, Nauru considers improving the conditions of detention centres in the country, particularly the Regional Processing Centre;
- That Nauru takes steps to ratify the ICCPR and International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

My delegation further takes this opportunity to reiterate the recommendation by Amnesty International that Nauru establishes a national preventive mechanism in line with the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

We wish Nauru a successful UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.