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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
OF OMAN ON THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2015

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 2015

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor

Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Oman. The Delegation of Ghana notes with appreciation Oman's efforts to uphold international human rights treaties, as well as the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission. Ghana recommends that this Commission should be allowed to function in an independent manner in full compliance with the Paris principles.

Ghana is concerned about the reports of marginalization and discrimination of against women in Oman as well as reports of the use of excessive force by law enforcement officials against citizens exercising their right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly in some cases.

Ghana is also concerned about reports about conditions under which many migrant workers, particularly domestic workers, are employed in Oman.

In the light of these reports, Ghana also wishes to recommend that the government of Oman should demonstrate its commitment to uphold international human rights standards by ensuring full respect for the rights of citizens to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly and also amend the relevant labour laws to enhance the protection of the human rights of all migrant workers.

Furthermore, Ghana wishes to recommend that Oman consider ratifying the ICESCR and ICCPR.

We wish Oman well with their UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.