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

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2015**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2015**

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor

Ghana welcomes the delegation of Saint Kitts and Nevis to their UPR. The delegation of Ghana commends Saint Kitts and Nevis for ratifying the Rome Statute of the ICC, but wishes to encourage them to ratify the Kampala amendments to the Statute as well.

The delegation of Ghana is also concerned that Saint Kitts and Nevis is yet to ratify a significant number of international human rights treaties although it accepted the recommendations made during its last UPR to do so. In this context, Ghana wishes to recommend to Saint Kitts and Nevis to consider ratifying the following core international human rights treaties:

* The ICCPR
* The Convention Against Torture and its Optional Protocol;
* The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
* The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
* The ICPPED; and
* The ICCSCR

We wish Saint Kitts and Nevis a successful UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.