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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 LUCIA 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 Saint Lucia to this Session of the Working Group and commends them for their comprehensive UPR report. My delegation applauds Saint Lucia for accepting many of the recommendations to ratify a number of important treaties during its last UPR cycle such as the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

However, Ghana recommends that Saint Lucia should consider expediting steps to ratify the ICCPR, ICESCR, CEDAW and the CRPD, which are treaties that Saint Lucia accepted in the first cycle review to become party to.

Ghana is concerned about reported allegations of extra-judicial killings by the police force, as well as gender-based violence and discrimination against women. In this regard, Ghana also wishes to recommend that the Government of Saint Lucia should take urgent measures to investigate all allegations of extra-judicial killings by law enforcement agencies with a view to bringing the perpetrators to justice;

The Delegation of Ghana wishes Saint Lucia success with their second UPR.

I thank you Mr. President.