

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 24TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP
(18TH - 29TH JANUARY, 2016):**

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
OF BELGIUM ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Belgium to this Session. The delegation of Ghana lauds actions taken by Belgium to improve prison conditions as well as the numerous legislative and policy instruments adopted to fight racism, extremism and xenophobia.

Ghana also welcomes ongoing steps by Belgium to establish a national human rights institution.

Ghana wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Belgium:

- Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
- Ratify the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education;

Ghana wishes Belgium a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.