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**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 ESTONIA ON TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY, 2016**

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Estonia to this Session. The delegation of Ghana lauds the steps being taken by Estonia to establish the National Human Rights Institute for the protection of Human Rights in accordance with the Paris Principles and wish to encourage Estonia to do all it can to bring this into fruition.

Ghana however wish to recommend to Estonia to consider ratifying the following international treaties:

- The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Families (ICRMW);
- The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances (ICPPED);
- The Optional Protocol of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (OP-ICESCR);
- The Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (OP-CEDAW); and
- The UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education

We wish Estonia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.