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

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW  
OF MOZAMBIQUE ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2016**

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

I thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor

Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Mozambique to this Session. The delegation of Ghana is pleased that out of 169 recommendations made in 2011, 161 enjoyed the support of Mozambique. In this regard, for example, Ghana applauds Mozambique for establishing an independent National Commission on Human Rights and the Ombudsman in compliance with the Paris Principles.

However, Ghana is concerned about reports and allegations of killings, torture, arbitrary detentions, extrajudicial executions, excessive use of force and ill-treatment of detainees at the hands of some police officers in Mozambique. Ghana wishes to recommend that necessary measures be taken to ensure that these allegations are swiftly investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice.

Furthermore, Ghana wishes to make the following recommendations for the consideration of Mozambique:

- To ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol;
- To ratify the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- To ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and
- To ratify the Convention against Discrimination in Education.

In conclusion, the delegation of Ghana wishes Mozambique a very successful second cycle review.

I thank you Mr. President.