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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 NAMIBIA ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR.
EBENEZER APPREKU, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON
MONDAY 18TH JANUARY, 2016**

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

Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Namibia to the second UPR. The delegation of Ghana is gratified to note that Namibia accepted 104 out of 128 recommendations made during the first cycle review in 2011, and has ratified a significant number of the core international human rights instruments including the Convention against Torture (CAT). Namibia's adoption of the country's first National Human Rights Action Plan in 2014 to enhance the respect for human rights deserves commendation.

Ghana further commends Namibia for the progress made in promoting and protecting children's rights through the enactment of the Child Care and Protection Act No. 3 of 2015 which among other things criminalises child trafficking.

The delegation of Ghana further appreciates steps taken by Namibia to upgrade and improve conditions in police cells and prisons. However, Ghana recommends to Namibia to take additional measures to address remaining issues concerning overcrowding in its prisons.

Mr President

Ghana wishes to make the following additional recommendations for the consideration of Namibia:

- To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
- To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families; and

Ghana wishes Namibia a successful 2nd cycle

I thank you Mr. President.