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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 PALAU ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Palau to this Session. The delegation of Ghana lauds the continuous engagement of Palau with the UPR mechanism since its first cycle review.

Ghana also notes with appreciation the signing of some core international human rights treaties in 2011 by Palau reflecting Palau's commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights of its people.

Ghana however wishes to recommend to Palau to consider ratifying the following international treaties:

- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;
- The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women;
- The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
- The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;
- The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances;
- The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
- The UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education; and

In conclusion, Ghana wishes Palau a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.