

**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 SEYCHELLES ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Seychelles to this Session. The delegation of Ghana recognises the progress made by Seychelles in implementing a significant number of recommendations it accepted during its first cycle review, including the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons Act 2014.

Ghana is concerned that contrary to the prohibition of corporal punishment of children in the Children's Act under the 1993 Constitution of Seychelles, the phenomenon is still prevalent in homes, penal institutions, day care centres and in schools. In this regard, Ghana wishes to recommend to Seychelles to expressly prohibit the corporal punishment of children in all settings including the home, penal institutions, schools and day care and also take steps to explicitly repeal the right "*to administer proper punishment*" in the Children's Act.

The delegation of Ghana further wishes to recommend to Seychelles to consider ratifying the following treaties:

- The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances (ICPPED); and
- The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OP-CRPD);

Ghana wishes Seychelles a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.