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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 SOLOMON ISLANDS 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 Solomon Islands to this Session. The delegation of Ghana is gratified to note that Solomon Islands accepted 112 recommendations out of 115 made by States during its first review and has enacted a significant number of legislations aimed at upholding the rule of law and human rights of its people, including the Police Act 2013 and the Immigration Act.

Ghana is however concerned about ongoing land disputes between tribes in the Solomon Islands and wishes to encourage the Government of the Solomon Islands to consider publishing within the shortest possible time the findings of the Reconciliation Committee and to take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations to address the root causes of land ownership.

The delegation of Ghana also wishes to recommend to Solomon Islands to consider ratifying the following treaties:

- The Convention Against Torture;
- The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC);
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- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocols;
- 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; and
- The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocols.

Ghana wishes Solomon Islands a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.