

**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 SOMALIA ON FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Somalia to this Session. The delegation of Ghana notes with appreciation the ratification of the Convention of the Rights of the Child by Somalia, as well as the steps being taken by Somalia to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Ghana shares the concerns of Somalia in respect of the threat posed by terrorist group the Al Shabaab to the enjoyment of human rights in Somalia. We wish the people of Somalia success in overcoming the menace of terrorism in all its manifestations.

The delegation of Ghana wishes to recommend to Somalia to consider ratifying the following international treaties:

- 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; and
- The UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Ghana wishes Somalia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.