

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 25<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (2<sup>ND</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016)**

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL  
PERIODIC REVIEW OF IRELAND ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY  
MR. JOSEPH OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ireland to this session. We applaud the establishment of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission in 2014 and commend the systematic integration of human rights standards including respect for equality and non-discrimination in public institutions.

Ghana notes with appreciation the initiative by the Government of Ireland on childrens' access to healthcare in paragraph 88 of its national report presented to this Session.

Ghana recommends to Ireland to:

1. Ratify the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;
2. Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
3. Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
4. Introduce a domestic violence bill to address domestic and sexual violence against women;

Ghana wishes Ireland a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.