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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
REVIEW OF SAMOA ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY, 2016 MORNING SEGMENT

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY, 2016

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

Ghana extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Samoa to the 2nd Cycle UPR and thanks them for their continued engagement with the UPR mechanism of this Council. Ghana notes with appreciation increased human rights awareness programmes in recent years in Samoa by several Ministries and Agencies such as the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, and the Ministry of Police among others.

Ghana further lauds Samoa for the steps it has taken to promote and protect the human rights of its citizens since its last UPR, including the legislative reforms in compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ghana notes that Samoa has signed some core international human rights treaties namely the CRPD in 2014 and the ICPED in 2012. On this note Ghana wishes to recommend to Samoa to complete the on-going processes to ratify the CRPD and the ICPED in line with recommendations it accepted during its first review in 2011.

Mr. President,

Ghana further recommends to Samoa to take steps to ratify the following five core international human rights treaties namely the ICESCR, the ICERD, the CAT, the CRPD and the ICRMW.

Ghana wishes Samoa every success with the review.

Thank you Mr. President.