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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
REVIEW OF SUDAN ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 2016

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 2016

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

Ghana extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Sudan, led by the Honourable Minister of Justice and thanks them for the report. Ghana lauds Sudan for passing into law a series of Bills aimed at promoting fundamental freedoms and protecting human rights, including among others the freedom of Information Act of 2015, the Anti-Human Trafficking Act of 2014, and the Asylum Act of 2014. These remarkable achievements by Sudan since its last review is demonstration of the commitment by Sudan to uphold human rights and the rule of law in Sudan, as well as a commitment to meet its international human rights obligations.

Mr. President,

Ghana however notes that a significant number of core international human rights treaties are yet to be ratified by Sudan. Ghana believes that ratification of these treaties and incorporation of the obligations under the treaties into Sudan's Constitutional Bill of Rights will further consolidate Sudan's democracy as well as respect for the human rights of its citizens.

On this note, Ghana recommends to Sudan to consider ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the UN Convention Against Torture and its Optional Protocol, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Ghana wishes Sudan a successful review.

Thank you Mr. President.