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

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW  
OF SURINAME ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2016**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR. JOSEPH  
OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Suriname to their second UPR and thanks them for their report. Ghana notes with appreciation the steps taken by Suriname to implement the 65 recommendations it accepted during its first review in 2011, including recommendations concerning the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, combating the trafficking of persons, combating poverty as well as promoting the economic, social and cultural rights of vulnerable groups and the setting up of an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris principles.

Ghana however remains concerned that Suriname has yet to show evidence of action taken to fulfil the recommendation accepted during the first review to incorporate human rights and gender education into curricula of schools in Suriname.

Mr. President,

Ghana therefore wishes to recommend to Suriname to take all necessary measures to incorporate human rights and gender education in school curricula to help promote human rights awareness in Suriname.

Ghana further recommends to Suriname to ratify the ILO Convention on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries and the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide as well as accede to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Ghana wishes Suriname a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.