

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

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL
PERIODIC REVIEW OF TAJIKISTAN**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY
MR. JOSEPH OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON FRIDAY 6TH MAY, 2016**

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

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Tajikistan led by the Minister of Justice. The delegation of Ghana welcomes the current efforts by the Government of Tajikistan to ratify some core international human rights treaties.

However, Ghana remains concerned that despite Tajikistan's acceptance of a recommendation during its last UPR to eradicate the use of torture and ill-treatment of persons in detention by some police investigators, the practice is reported to remain widespread in Tajikistan. In this regard, Ghana wishes to recommend to Tajikistan to urgently address the alleged systematic acts of torture and ill-treatment of persons in detention, and also ensure that all perpetrators are brought to justice.

Mr. Vice President,

Ghana also wishes to recommend to Tajikistan to ratify as soon as possible the following human rights treaties namely:

1. The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;
2. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol; and
3. The Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

In closing, Ghana wishes Tajikistan a successful review.

I thank you Mr. Vice President.