

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

**STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY MR JOSEPH OWUSU-  
ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, AT THE SECOND CYCLE REVIEW OF UNITED  
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA MONDAY, 9TH MAY, 2016**

I thank you Mr. President

Ghana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of United Republic of Tanzania to this session and commend their commitment to the UPR process.

Ghana congratulates Tanzania for conducting a free and fair general elections in 2015 and for the completion of the process of writing a new constitution pursuant to the Constitutional Review Act. It is hoped that the new constitution if approved at the referendum will enhance the promotion and protection of human rights for all in Tanzania.

We applaud the establishment of the AIDS Trust Fund, which among other things, advises the Government of Tanzania on new sources of revenue for the purposes of ensuring adequate and sustainable funding for the AIDS response. Ghana believes that this is a step in the right direction to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

Ghana notes the initiatives taken by Tanzania in paragraphs 29 and 30 of its national report towards the ratification of some international instruments and recommends that Tanzania takes all necessary steps to become a State party to the following treaties:

1. The International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (**ICRMW**)
2. The Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading treatment or Punishment (**CAT**)
3. The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (**ICPPED**)

Ghana also wishes to recommend to Tanzania to:

1. Issue standing invitation to all special procedures.
2. Ensure non-discrimination in the treatment of women in general and widows as regards ownership and acquisition of property.
3. Take steps to reduce discrimination against persons living with HIV/AIDS in the workplace.
4. Eliminate discrimination in law and practice, against pregnant teenage girls, teenage mothers, children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS and children living on the streets.

Finally, Ghana calls on the international community to assist Tanzania in building its human rights capacity to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

I thank you Mr President.