

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

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL
PERIODIC REVIEW OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF GHANA DELIVERED BY
MR. JOSEPH OWUSU-ANSAH, FIRST SECRETARY, ON
TUESDAY 10TH MAY, 2016**

I thank you Mr. President

Ghana extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago to the second cycle of the UPR. My delegation commends Trinidad and Tobago for the progress achieved since its last review in 2011, including the enactment of the Trafficking in Persons Act.

However, Ghana recommends to Trinidad and Tobago to ratify the following human rights treaties:

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

Ghana also recommends that Trinidad and Tobago takes steps to:

1. Issue standing invitations to all special procedures;
2. Submit overdue reports to the treaty bodies;
3. Strengthen policies aimed at addressing gender-based violence, domestic violence, sexual harassment, rape and child sexual abuse;
4. Decriminalise defamation;
5. Review and revise domestic legislation and policies to reflect the provision and principles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and fully implement the updated National Policy of Persons with Disabilities.

Finally, Ghana wishes Trinidad and Tobago every success with the review.

I thank you.