

**STATEMENT BY GHANA DELIVERED BY ABA AYEBI-ARTHUR,MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2024**

**REVIEW OF CHAD**

Madam Vice President.

Ghana warmly welcomes the delegation of Chad to the UPR process and thanks them for the presentation of their National Report. My delegation commends Chad for the progress made since the third Cycle UPR to strengthen the promotion and protection of Human Rights. We welcome in particular the ratification of the two Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We also commend efforts made in the development of a number of policies and adoption of various measures to consolidate democracy and the rule of law in the country.

To further enhance the Human Rights of Chad, Ghana recommends the following:

1. **Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT);**
2. **Accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against women; and**
3. **Take steps to fully implement the provisions of the new Criminal Code punishing gender-based and sexual violence against women and girls.**

We wish Chad every success with the review process.

I thank you.