**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY GHANA DURING THE**

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**REVIEW OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Mr. Vice President.

2. We are pleased to welcome our brothers and sisters from the Dominican Republic. We commend the Government of the Dominican Republic for its relentless efforts to improve the living standards of its citizens and the commitment to tackle corruption as well as organized crime.

3. We further note with satisfaction the recent progressive steps taken by the Dominican Republic, notably, the launch of a strategic plan for a Violence-Free Life for Women, aimed at addressing structural and social norms that discriminate against women and girls.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, we would like to recommend the following:

1. **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families;**
2. **Take effective steps to protect refugees and asylum-seekers, especially the women, many of whom are at risk of trafficking;**
3. **Establish an independent mechanism for monitoring human rights; and**
4. **Intensify efforts to ensure that all children have access to free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education.**

5. In conclusion, the Republic of Ghana wishes the Dominican Republic a successful review process.

I thank you.