

**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY GHANA DURING THE 46TH SESSION**

**OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP, ON 1ST MAY, 2024**

**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF URUGUAY**

Mr. Vice President,

We would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Uruguay.

2. We commend the Government of Uruguay for adopting and implementing the National Plan for Racial Equity and People of African Descent from 2019 to 2022. We encourage Uruguay to continue with this positive momentum in order to comprehensively address the underrepresentation of People of African descent in all aspects of national life.

3. My delegation also recognizes Uruguay’s relentless efforts to prevent and combat trafficking of persons, particularly, women and children, by establishing a National Council on Preventing and Combating the Trafficking and Exploitation of Persons, including devising an inter-institutional guide in this regard.

4. Ghana offers the following **two (2)** recommendations for Uruguay’s consideration:

1. **Adopt a comprehensive social housing and shelter strategy in fulfilment of the right to adequate and affordable housing;**

**and**

1. **Criminalize torture in accordance with the provisions of Convention Against Torture.**

5. In conclusion, Ghana wishes Uruguay a successful review.

I thank you.