Statement by Myanmar Delegation

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Ghana led by -----------------------. We also thank Ghana for the presentation today and the submission of its national report which provide updated information on the human right situation in Ghana.

We commend the achievements made by Ghana in several areas of human rights promotion and protection within the country since the last UPR review. We note with satisfaction that Ghana ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT) in 2016. We are also encouraged by the fact that Ghana has taken measure to improve the human rights of prisoners, by providing legal assistance and reforming trial process through ‘Justice for All Programme’. In this regard, **we recommend Ghana take necessary steps to improve treatment of prisoners in comply with international standards.**

We acknowledge Ghana’s efforts in addressing the Gender-Based violence particularly launching of National End Child Marriage Project in 2016 to eliminate child marriage and teenage pregnancy. Although progress has been made, we remain concerned about the high child marriage prevalence rate of Ghana. Therefore, **we recommend Ghana continue implement the National End Child Marriage Project and promote awareness on the negative consequences of child marriage and teenage pregnancy.**

In conclusion, we wish Ghana a successful UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.