Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR42 – Ghana

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Thank you Mr. President,

Lithuania warmly welcomes the delegation of Ghana and thanks it for its National Report.

We welcome the progress made by Ghana since the last UPR. In particular, we positively note adoption of legislative acts supporting comprehensive promotion and protection of human rights.

To further build upon this progress, Lithuania would like to provide the following recommendations:

* One, design and implement a strategy for the inclusion and empowerment of women in public and private sector, especially in leadership positions;
* Two, continue efforts to deliver free education to all and aim to promote education possibilities for girls, also to persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups;
* Three, improve relevant legislation in line with international standards to guarantee safety of journalists and curtail impunity for crimes against them;
* Four, develop an Action Plan for strengthening the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in compliance with the Persons with Disability Act, 2006;
* Five, ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

Lithuania wishes Ghana a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.