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Mr. President,

RADDHO welcomes the report of the Working Group on the UPR on Ghana. We commend the Government of Ghana for its cooperation and continued commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. In this regard, RADDHO would like to highlight the progress made by Ghana regarding democratization. Ghana serves as a model of democracy in West Africa as well as an example for the rest of Africa.

Progress has also been made regarding some initiatives aimed at protecting the rights of children and women, including addressing forced marriage and gender-based discrimination.

However, RADDHO remains concerned about the continuing practice of Female Genital Mutilation in Ghana. This ongoing violence against women, especially in the rural areas of the country, poses a significant challenge in the fulfillment of gender equality and the full enjoyment of human rights by women. We, therefore, call on the Government of Ghana to enhance its efforts in the campaign to stop traditional practices affecting women in the rural areas and to take action by implementing laws to that end.

In conclusion, we encourage Ghana to promote human rights education in all spheres of society and to continue its efforts of strengthening democracy in the country.

Thank you.