

UPR-Working Group-14th session

Review of Ghana

- In 2008, the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit (DOVVSU) with the support of UNICEF, led a multi sectorial group to start a **Child Abuse Network** in order to provide a comprehensive, child friendly, sustainable system which prevents and responds to all forms of physical and humiliating abuse of children in Ghana. In 2011, this initiative was renamed Network Against Child Abuse. **Burundi** welcomed the efforts made by the government in the field of child abuse. The delegate of **Luxembourg** expressed concern about child labour and violence against children.
- The majority of the countries applauded the improvements in the **enrolment rate of girls in primary schools** (China, Burkina Faso, Burundi). However, Bulgaria recommended the delegation of Ghana to continue its efforts to increase the enrolment rate of girls and also to improve the quality of education.
- Cape Verde and Chile raised the issue of **harmful traditional practices** on children. However, Chile complimented the ongoing efforts of the government with local leaders to eliminate traditional practices against women and children.
- The Republic of Korea and Kyrgyzstan recommended paying more attention to **child trafficking**.
- Namibia recommended separating minors from adults in detention by creating specialized **detention centres for minors**.
- Portugal and India recommended **the ratification of the two optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child**. In response, the delegation of Ghana stated that the CRC protocols' has been approved by the Cabinet and will be sent to the national Parliament for ratification.