

Advance unedited version

Distr.: General
23 February 2018

Original: English

Human Rights Council
Thirty-seventh session
26 February–23 March 2018
Agenda item 6
Universal Periodic Review

**Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic
Review***

Ghana

Addendum

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments
and replies presented by the State under review**

* The present document was not edited before being sent to the United Nations translation services.

The Government of the Republic of Ghana welcomes the recommendations made during its review by the Universal Periodic Review Working Group on 7 November, 2017, and is pleased to provide the following responses to the remaining forty-one (41) recommendations for inclusion in the outcome report.

147.1. Noted

147.2. Partially accepted

147.3. Accepted

147.4. Accepted

147.5. Noted

147.6. Accepted. The Government is considering alternatives to custodial sentencing to augment the “Justice for all programme” currently being implemented to reduce over-crowding prison.

147.7. Accepted. Personnel of the Ghana Police Service are prohibited from torturing or administering any form of ill-treatment to persons in detention facilities as provided by Regulation 82(1) (j) of the Police Service Regulations, 2012 (C.I. 76).

147.8. Noted.

147.9. Noted.

147.10. Noted.

147.11. Accepted.

147.12. Noted.

147.13. Noted.

147.14. Accepted.

147.15. Noted.

147.16. Noted. Article 17(2) of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana states that “a person shall not be discriminated against on grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic origin, religion, creed or economic status”.

147.17. Noted.

147.18. Accepted.

147.19. Noted.

147.20. Noted.

147.21. Accepted.

147.22. Noted.

147.23. Accepted.

147.24. Accepted.

147.25. Noted.

147.26. Noted.

147.27. Noted.

147.28. Accepted.

147.29. Noted.

147.30. Noted.

147.31. Noted.

147.32. Noted.

147.33. Partially accepted. Three (3) different laws governing marriage currently prevail in Ghana, namely the Customary Marriage and Divorce Registration Law, 1985 (PNDCL 112) amended by PNDCL 263; the Marriage Ordinance, 1884 (Cap 127); and the Marriage of Mohammedan's Ordinance, 1884 (Cap 129). Marriages under the Customary Marriage and Divorce Registration Law and the Mohammedan's Ordinance Law support polygamy.

147.34. Noted.

147.35. Noted.

147.36. Noted.

147.37. Noted.

147.38. Noted.

147.39. Noted. Ghana subscribes to "age appropriate" comprehensive sex education.

147.40. Noted.

147.41. Accepted.