



**STATEMENT BY GHANA DELIVERED BY H.E RAMSES JOSEPH
CLELAND, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE,
DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE ON ITEM 4**

46TH HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, GENEVA, 11TH MARCH, 2021

Madam President,

Ghana recognizes the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of states as enshrined in the charter of the United Nations.

2. Ghana further attaches significance to the respect for, and observance of, all the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms, for all including freedom of religion, in accordance with the UN Charter and International law.

3. We recognise the "One China" policy and also that China's sovereignty over its people within its boundaries should be respected by all.

4. Ghana notes the concern regarding the situation in Xinjiang and Hong Kong. While recognizing that China has the right to uphold its sovereignty, we urge the Chinese government at all times to continue to protect and uphold the human rights of all its citizens and people living within its boundaries, in accordance with the UN Charter and the relevant international laws.

I thank you Madam President.