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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of the Gambia to this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report.

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South Africa commends the marked improvements registered in all spheres of national development, particularly in respect to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals universal primary education as well as gender parity within the context of the Programme on Accelerated Growth and Employment 2012 – 2015. We further welcome the recent and critical intervention declaring free education at upper basic school level as well as leading the way for the region on Sustainable Energy.

South Africa encourages Gambia to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and would like to propose the following recommendations:

- 1) To strengthen efforts on the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger through the full implementation of the Programme on Accelerated Growth and Employment 2012 – 2015; and
- 2) In the context of global partnerships for development, to seek assistance from the United Nations System, including UNHCR and development partners to mobilize the requisite resources with respect to (a) financial assistance to aid the establishment of transit centres for

refugees; and (b) capacity building in the administration and management of Refugees and stateless persons.

We wish the Gambia a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.