

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF INDONESIA  
AT THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF  
THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP  
CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF GAMBIA  
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Gambia to the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR working group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

Indonesia appreciates the progress that have been made by Gambia in the promotion and protection of human rights of its citizens despite the immense challenges that Gambia faces. Even with limited resources, Gambia has met the MDG on primary school enrolment free of charge. Indonesia is equally appreciative to the fact that Gambia has made progress on its efforts to combat violence against women with the recent adoption of Domestic Violence as well as Sexual Offences Acts. Indonesia also welcomes Gambia's continuing effort to establish National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

With regard to Human Rights instruments, we note with appreciation that Gambia is considering a number of Human Rights instruments with a view to ratify or accede to them. **In this respect, we wish to recommend the Government of Gambia to also consider the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (UNCAT).**

Furthermore, Indonesia would also like to **recommend the Government of Gambia to consider the ratification of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.**

Indonesia believes that the ratification or accession of these two conventions would significantly contribute to the overall efforts to promote and protect human rights in Gambia.

As stated in their national report, however, Gambia would need technical assistance in order for them to be fully capable of fulfilling obligations under international conventions which Gambia decides to ratify or accede. Indonesia, therefore, calls upon the international community to provide such assistance to Gambia.

In closing, Indonesia would like to offer its best wishes to the Government and people of Gambia in their future endeavours towards the promotion and protection of human rights at all levels.

I thank you.