

Remarks by **AZERBAIJAN**
UPR – Gambia

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the Delegation of Gambia and thanks for the presentation of its valuable national report.

Since its first UPR, the Government of Gambia strengthened normative framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, we appreciate the adoption of National Health Policy - 2012–2020, National Gender and Women Advancement Policy - 2010–2020, the Domestic Violence Act and Disability Advocacy Strategy. At the same time, we commend the ratification of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol by the Government of Gambia.

Azerbaijan also positively notes that the Government of Gambia strengthened its national institutional infrastructure for the protection and promotion of human rights. In this regard, we appreciate the establishment of National Steering Committee on Social Protection and the National Agency against Trafficking in Persons. We welcome the measures and reforms taken by the Government on this path.

Azerbaijan **recommends** the Government of Gambia to continue further improvement of the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

Finally, the Delegation of Azerbaijan assures once again the Delegation of Gambia of its full support and cooperation.

Thank you for attention.