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Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Gambia

Bangladesh delegation welcomes the delegation of Gambia led by Mr. Basiru V.P. Mahoney, Attorney General and Minister of Justice. We thank the delegation for the presentation of the informative national report.

Mr. President, my delegation fully appreciates the challenges faced by Gambia being a developing country. It is noteworthy that despite those challenges, the country has made serious stride in improving human rights protection through a variety of institutional, legal and administrative measures. We commend the legislative measures adopted to curb violence and abuse against women and against children.

Gambian government has taken full account of the fact that adequate and qualified human resources create the necessary base for quality services that can ensure enjoyment of human rights in various sectors like health, education and access to justice. In this regard, the actions taken by the government for capacity building through training of the educators and nurses and establishing educational institutions including The Gambia Law School are noteworthy.

Mr. President, we believe strengthening legal system in line with the necessities and priorities under the national context is important for rendering justice to victims. We therefore, commend the delegation for its comments and clarifications on its justice system executed through fair trial, with utmost cautiousness and provisions under the justice system meant for "most serious crimes".

Finally, my delegation would like to recommend that Gambia continues its national efforts, with the support and assistance of the international community, in the promotion and protection of human rights particularly in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights of the people of Gambia.

Thank you.