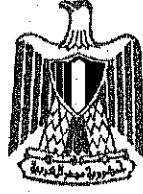


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**Statement by the Delegation
Of the Arab Republic of Egypt
At the 20th Session
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Mr. President,

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt wishes to commend the significant steps adopted by the Republic of the Gambia, aimed at promoting human rights in the country. As for women empowerment, important steps were taken in fields thereto related, such as the implementation of the National Gender and Women Advancement Policy (2010-2020). Other similar progressive steps were taken to promote and protect the rights of children, such as through enacting relevant laws, guided by the Convention on the rights of the Child, to which the Gambia is a state party.

In the same vein, the Egyptian delegation wishes to commend significant measures taken by the Government of the Gambia with a view to reducing poverty in the land, including by formulating vision 2020, and the Development Strategy and Investment Programme for 2012-2015. Furthermore, the said delegation notes with interest other measures adopted, with a view to promoting human rights in different fields, such as combating human trafficking, access to justice and protecting and empowering people in vulnerable situations. The Egyptian delegation, hence, would encourage the Gambian government to seek to continue its efforts on the same course.

Finally, the Egyptian delegation presents the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of the Gambia:

- 1- Continuing efforts aimed at promoting awareness of the culture of human rights in the Gambian society.
- 2- Seeking to expedite the current process of establishing a National Human Rights Institution, with a view to further

improving the general situation of human rights in the
Gambia.

- 3- Promoting national efforts aimed at enhancing judicial reform, so as to cater for expanding recourse to courts of law, partly as a result of the growth of the Gambian economy.

Thank you Mr. President.

