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**RECOMMENDATIONS DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE 44TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATE REPORT OF BURKINA FASO – MONDAY AFTERNOON 6 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Thank you Mr President,**

The Gambia extends a very warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Burkin Faso and thank them for their presentation on the human rights situation in their country.

We commend Burkina Faso for alligning its Criminal Code with the Convention Agaisnt Torture and for their proactive steps in regional collaboration as evidenced by signing of MOU with Nigeria on anti trafficking.

**Mr President,**

While recognizing the efforts and commitments being made by the government of Burkina Faso, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations ;

1. That robust measures be taken to address crimes against children, especially child marriage, female genital mutilation ( FGM) and child labor.
2. That measures be taken to combat gender based violence in all its forms and ensure the safety and dignity of women in all contexts.
3. To ensure access to education for all, particularly for girls and children from vulnerable groups.

**Mr President,**

In conclusion, The Gambia wishes the distinguished delegation of Burkina Faso a successful review and fruitful deliberations.

**Thank you.**