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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 COLOMBIA – TUESDAY AFTERNOON 7 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Thank you Mr President,**

The Gambia extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Colombia for presenting their report on the human rights situation of their country to the Council.

We commend the Attorney General’s Office of Colombia for prioritising the critical issue of gender based violence, demonstrating a strong commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of those most at risk within the nation.

**Mr President,**

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

1. Implement safeguards for migrants, particularly to protect them and prevent sexual and labor exploitation agaisnt them.
2. To amplify measures to eradicate gender based violence, ensuring the safety and dignity of all individuals especially women and girls
3. To support the independence of the Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non Repetition Commission ensuring that the framework remains unobstructed in its mission to promote justice and healing.

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**