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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 CUBA- WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Thank you Mr President,**

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

We commend Cuba’s efforts for its proactive measures in promoting and protecting human rights particularly through the adoption of initiatives like the National Programme Against Racism and Racial Discrimination.

**Mr President,**

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

1. That Cuba persistently advances its educational efforts through the National Education System to ensure quality and inclusive education for all.
2. To deliberate on adopting the remaining international human rights instruments to ensure a robust and all-encompassing human rights framework
3. To consistently uphold the rights and welfare of its minority populations and address matters related to their representation and guarantee unhindered access to fundamental services.

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**