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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 TUVALU – WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

The Gambia extends a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Tuvalu and thank them for its engagement with human rights mechanisms, including the UPR process, and its openness to dialogue and cooperation with the international community on human rights issues.

We recognised Tuvalu's leadership in advocating for stronger international measures against climate change, which poses a significant threat to human rights, particularly for small island and coastal nations

**Mr President,**

While recognisng the efforts and commitments being made by the government of Tuvalu, The Gambia extends the following recommendations to the delegation;

1. continue efforts in developing and implementing comprehensive climate change strategies, including seeking international support to bolster Tuvalu's resilience to environmental challenges.
2. consider the adoption of more comprehensive policies and programs to support persons with disabilities, ensuring their full inclusion in society and access to all rights.
3. Take prompt steps to ratify the core international human rights treaties and align its national commitments with global human rights standards
4. To explicitly prohibit any form of discrimination and to thoroughly review and repeal any current laws that may propagate or support discriminatory practices
5. To develop programs aimed at increasing public awareness and understanding of human rights, particularly among public officials, law enforcement, and judiciary officials.

**Mr President,**

We wish the distinguished delegation of Tuvalu a successful review.

**Thank you.**