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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 UZBEKISTAN – WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Thank you Mr President,**

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

We appreciate and commend the significant progress made by the Government of Uzbekistan in incorporating the majority of the recommendations from the third cycle.

**Mr President,**

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

1. Take measures to repeal legal provisions that unduly impede the freedom of religion and expression in accordance with international legal obligations.
2. to enshrine in its legal framework a clear prohibition against corporal punishment targeting children, not just in public places but also within the confines of alternative care settings, daycare and other educational institutions
3. to introduce legislation and guidelines aimed at ensuring children’s privacy in media and digital domains including ethical standards for media reporting on children.

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**