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**RECOMMENDATIONS DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE 45TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATE REPORT OF CONGO MONDAY - 30 JANUARY 2024 – 14 :30-18 :00PM**

**Thank you Mr President,**

The Gambia extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Congo and thank them for their interaction with the Human Rights Council today.

We commend Chad for its commitment to climate action, including efforts to reduce emissions, protect coastlines, and engage in global climate initiatives

**Mr President,**

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

1. to improve child rights protections and access to quality education, particularly in rural areas, addressing issues such as child labor and child marriage.
2. enhance gender equality, combat gender-based violence, increase women's participation in decision-making
3. Improve child rights and access to quality education, especially in rural areas.
4. enhances environmental conservation efforts, particularly in addressing climate change impacts, ensuring sustainable development for future generations

**Mr President,**

In conclusion, The Gambia wishes the distinguished delegation of Congo a successful review.

Thank you.