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**Thank you Mr President,**

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

We commend Nigeria for its significant progress in the technology sector, especially in nurturing a dynamic start-up ecosystem and advancing in digital technology, which positions it as a leading tech hub in Africa.

**Mr President,**

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

1. Promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue to counter religious intolerance and prevent radicalization, in collaboration with civil society organizations.
2. boosts efforts in promoting women's rights and gender equality, addressing gender-based violence, and ensuring women's equal participation in all spheres of life.
3. Enhance access to quality education with a focus on school safety and the needs of displaced children.

**Mr President,**

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

Thank you.