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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 THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL- MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2024 -14 :30PM – 18PM**

**Thank you Mr President,**

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

Senegal is commended for its notable economic growth and development, particularly for the successful implementation of the Plan Senegal Emergent (PSE), which has significantly contributed to infrastructure development, attracted foreign investment, and shown promising results towards transforming the nation's economy.

**Mr President,**

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

1. strengthen its prison reform strategies and address prison overcrowding by offering detention alternatives for non-violent offenses and providing adequate healthcare and legal support to all detainees.
2. To boost gender equality by enforcing domestic and sexual violence laws, and ensuring women's equal access to education and jobs.
3. To strenghten children's rights protection, reducing child labor, especially in informal sectors, and guaranteeing education for all children, including those from disadvantaged groups.

**Mr President,**

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

Thank you..