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**Statement by India during the Interactive Dialogue in the 4th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Senegal in the 45th Session of UPR Working Group**

**(22 January to 2 February 2024) delivered by Mr. Kshitij Tyagi, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, 22 January 2024**

**Mr. President,**

India warmly welcomes the delegation of Senegal.

2. We appreciate the measures taken by Senegal to strengthen institutional frameworks such as the Senegalese Human Rights Committee and the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking; and the establishment of entities such as National Observatory of Workplace Discrimination, which are important steps towards protection and promotion of human rights.

3. We commend the progress made by Senegal in areas such as women empowerment, combating gender-based violence, protection of children’s rights, healthcare, education and sustainable development.

4. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend the following to Senegal:

 a) Continue the efforts towards poverty alleviation;

 b) Continue to implement measures for empowerment of women; and

 c) Continue the efforts towards sustainable and inclusive development

5. We wish Senegal every success in its future endeavours.

Thank you, **Mr. President**