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**RECOMMENDATIONS DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE 46TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATE REPORT OF COMOROS FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024 9-12 :30PM**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

The Gambia warmly welcomes the delegation of North Macedonia and expresses appreciation for their constructive engagement with the Human Rights Council today.

**Mr President,**

North Macedonia is commended for its efforts to promote inter-ethnic harmony and reconciliation. We acknowledge these efforts and offer the following recommendations:

1. prioritize the ratification of core international human rights treaties that it has not yet acceded to, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (OPCAT).
2. strengthen its human rights institutions, including the National Human Rights Commission, by providing them with adequate resources, independence, and authority to effectively monitor and address human rights violations.
3. strengthen support services for survivors of domestic violence, ensuring accessibility to shelters, counseling, legal aid, and medical assistance

My delegation wishes the distinguished delegation from Comoros a successful review.

**Thank you,**