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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 CYPRUS TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024 -2 :30- 6PM**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

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

**Mr President,**

Cyprus is commended for its adherence to international human rights treaties and its proactive approach to fostering an inclusive society. My delegation appreciates these efforts and would like to offer the following recommendations to the government of Cyprus:

1. Ratify the core UN Human Rights Treaties to which it is not yet a party.
2. Protect the rights of migrants and asylum seekers, by preventing collective arrests and detention of asylum seekers and facilitating timely access to healthcare services and employment.
3. Take urgent legal measures to prevent statelessness by reviewing the requirements for obtaining nationality by all children born in Cyprus, particularly children born to refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants.
4. Take specific measures to eradicate economic, social, and cultural barriers facing ethnic minorities and facilitate the exercise of the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religious minorities, particularly Muslims and Jews.

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

**Thank you.**