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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 NORTH MACEDONIA THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2024 -2 :30-6PM**

**Mr. Vice President,**

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

**Mr Vice President,**

North Macedonia is commended for its efforts to promote inter-ethnic harmony and reconciliation amongst its people. We acknowledge these efforts and in the spirit of constructive dialogue, wish to offer the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to protect the rights of asylum seekers and refugees, by adopting and implementing the updated integration strategy for the period 2018-2028.
2. take decisive action to combat hate speech, discrimination, and intolerance, particularly against minority groups, and ensure equal access to education, healthcare, employment, and political participation.
3. enhance the capacity of law enforcement agencies to effectively respond to domestic violence cases, including through specialized training programs for police officers and prosecutors on handling such cases with sensitivity and professionalism.
4. Continue to ensure that relevant laws and policies recognise and respect the responsibilities, rights, and duties of parents, legal guardians or other persons legally responsible for the child .

My delegation wishes the distinguished delegation from North Macedonia a successful review.

**Thank you,**