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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 VANUATU THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2024 -9 :00-12 :30PM**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

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

**Mr President,**

The Gambia commends Vanuatu for its progress in bolstering legal frameworks and institutions to combat critical human rights issues like gender-based violence. We acknowledge these efforts and offer the following recommendations:

1. Strengthen support services for survivors of gender-based violence, ensuring accessibility to shelters, counseling, and medical assistance regardless of location or background.
2. Promote policies to support and protect the family as the natural and fundamental group unit of society.
3. Enhance the capacity and efficiency of the judicial system through comprehensive training programs for judges, lawyers, and law enforcement officials, emphasizing human rights principles.
4. Advocate for increased international support and funding for climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts, prioritizing technology transfer and capacity-building initiatives to address environmental challenges effectively.

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

**Thank you,**