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**RECOMMENDATIONS DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE 47TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATE REPORT OF NEW COTE D’IVOIRE- TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024 -AFTERNOON**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

The Gambia welcomes the delegation of Cote D’ivoire and commends the government of Côte d'Ivoire for its efforts to improve the legal framework, institutional framework, and public policies on human rights, including the implementation of its international human rights obligations and the recommendations of the last UPR cycle. We congratulate Cote D’ivoire for the attainment by the National Human Rights Council of an A status.

However, my delegation remains concerned about the continued child exploitation, particularly in urban areas, and the decision of Cote D’ivoire to withdraw its declaration accepting the jurisdiction of the African Court on Human and People’s Rights. In this regard, we respectfully recommend that Côte d'Ivoire:

1. Review its prison policy to address prison overcrowding, prolonged detention, and safeguard the rights of inmates.
2. Strengthen child protection by holding perpretrators of child and forced labour accountable, and expanding access to education, healthcare, and social services for vulnerable children.
3. Enhance mechanisms to enforce gender-based violence laws by establishing mechanisms to investigate and prosecute such crimes effectively.

My delegation wishes the distinguished delegation from Côte d'Ivoire a successful review.

**Thank you.**