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**STATEMENT OF ANGOLA**

**Mr. President,**

Angola welcomes the high level delegation of Gambia for the presentation of its Report, in this 4th cycle of the UPR.

Angola thanks Gambia for accepting the four recommendations, made by Angola during the last UPR.

Angola recognizes the efforts made by the government of Gambia for the improvements on the human rights situation on the ground, in particular, on gender equality, freedom of expression, judicial reform and children’s rights.

Those efforts are crucial for ensuring security and accountability, fostering democracy, respect for the rule of law and good governance as well as promoting access to justice.

Respectfully, Angola recommends the following:

1. To continue implementing effective programmes for youth economic empowerment and sustainable job creation as a means to curb the irregular migration;
2. To take additional measures in addressing the environmental challenges and protecting the rights of the most affected population.

Angola wishes Gambia a successful review outcome.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**