

**48th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Statement by the Government of Bangladesh**

**On the Review of Gambia**

**(Tuesday, 21 January 2025, 9.00-12.30 hrs)**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

Bangladesh welcomes the distinguished delegation of Gambia to its 4th cycle of UPR.

We take note that Gambia has taken several measures during the reporting period including completion of ratification of all nine core UN human rights treaties and a few key optional protocols.

In the spirit of constructive cooperation, Bangladesh recommends the followings:

***First***, take further measures in enhancing representation of women in national and local institutions, including the National Assembly;

***Second***, continue its efforts with the support and assistance of the international community in the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly in the realization of economic, social and cultural rights;

***Third,*** continue efforts to improve the prison conditions in terms of overcrowding, inadequate access to food and medical care, and poor sanitation.

We wish Gambia success in its review.

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

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