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**Statement**

**by**

**the Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of**

***21 January,2025***

***Mr. President***,

**Ethiopia warmly** welcomes the delegation of Gambia to the 48th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for its comprehensive national report and the oral update.

Ethiopia commends **Gambia** for following an inclusive approach in preparation of the report and for implementing the recommendations received during previous UPR cycles.

**In the spirit of constructive engagement and dialogue, Ethiopia recommends to Gambia;**

1. Continue expanding access to healthcare and education.
2. Continue advancing efforts to empower women and promote gender equality.

Finally, Ethiopia wishes success to the delegation of **Gambia** in its engagement with the UPR Working Group.

***I thank you***