**STATEMENT BY GUYANA, AT THE 48TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP REVIEW OF THE GAMBIA ON 22 JANUARY 2025**

**Thank you Mr President,**

Guyana warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of The Gambia to the 4th cycle of the UPR and thank the delegation for their comprehensive report.

We commend The Gambia on ratifying all nine core UN human rights treaties and key optional protocols into its domestic legislation, thereby demonstrating its commitment to the international human rights architecture. We also commend The Gambia on the progress in its reporting commitments.

Regarding the right to food, we commend the efforts by the Gambia through its Recovery-Focused National Development Plan, the Nutrition Investment Plan and the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategic Plan, to address its people’s food and nutrition security.

In the spirit of constructive engagement Guyana proposes the following recommendations to the delegation of The Gambia:

1. Adopt and implement anti-discrimination legislation and/or strategies regarding gender and race.
2. Enhance actions to eliminate slavery, child labour, trafficking in persons.
3. Enhance protection of vulnerable and at-risk groups.

Guyana wishes the delegation of The Gambia every success during this UPR process.

**THANK YOU, MR PRESIDENT**