**Statement by India at the 4th Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Gambia at the UPR Working Group’s 48th Session (20-31 Jan 2025), delivered by Ambassador Arindam Bagchi, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Geneva, on 21 January 2025**

Mr. Vice President,

1. India warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Gambia.
2. India takes note of Gambia’s commitment to enhance its national mechanisms for promotion and protection of human rights, including the comprehensive review of its constitutional framework and criminal laws. In particular, we commend Gambia for the steps it has taken to address violence against women and girls, and for the enactment of the Persons with Disabilities Act in 2021.
3. In the spirit of constructive dialogue, India makes the following recommendations to Gambia:
4. Continue efforts to combat human trafficking.
5. Expand and consolidate social security measures to better protect vulnerable sections of society.
6. Take effective measures to enhance provision of quality, accessible, and affordable healthcare services.
7. Facilitate carrying out of traditional funeral rites and practices of various religious communities.
8. We wish Gambia all success.

I thank you.