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**UPR 48 – The Gambia**

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Thank you Mr. Vice President.

Italy welcomes the Delegation of The Gambia.

Italy commends Gambia’s efforts since the previous UPR cycle, including the proposal of a new Constitution envisaging the abolition of the death penalty and a comprehensive enhancement of human rights protection.

Italy seizes this opportunity to offer Gambia the following recommendations:

* *Finalize the constitutional process with a view to adopting the new Constitution and abolishing the death penalty.*
* *Adopt concrete actions to ensure the full implementation of legislation aimed at preventing all harmful practices against children, including female genital mutilation and early, child and forced marriages.*
* *Continue efforts to address torture, extrajudicial executions, and the excessive use of force by public authorities.*

Italy wishes The Gambia a successful review.

Thank you.