UPR of the Republic of The Gambia

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Thank you, Mr./Madam [Vice-]President.

　　　Japan warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of The Gambia to this session.

Japan welcomes the steady progress made by The Gambia in line with the SDGs and appreciates its continued efforts to protect and promote human rights and to build sustained peace and democracy.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, Japan recommends that The Gambia:

1. continue and strengthen efforts to protect and promote the rights of women and girls, including through the implementation of measures to fulfill its commitment to addressing the root causes of female genital mutilation and child marriage; and
2. continue and strengthen policies to uphold the fundamental freedom and right of expression, particularly for the media, enshrined in the ICCPR, including through ongoing legislative reforms.

We wish the delegation of The Gambia every success in this review.

I thank you.