**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY KENYA DURING THE GAMBIA 4TH UPR CYCLE DURING THE 48TH UPR WORKING GROUP – 21ST JANUARY, 2025**

Mr. President

The Gambia has made commendable progress since its last Universal Periodic Review in 2019 and demonstrated a strong commitment to human rights by accepting 207 out of 222 recommendations and taking concrete steps to implement them.

Notably, The Gambia has established and operationalized the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in compliance with the Paris Principles and has made significant strides in constitutional reform.

While commending these achievements, and in a constructive spirit we recommend the following:

1. Strengthening the implementation mechanisms for the Women's Act 2010 and its subsequent amendments through inter alia conducting nationwide awareness campaigns to educate both men and women about the provisions of the Act. As well as provide specialized training for law enforcement and judiciary on gender-sensitive approaches to cases involving women's rights.

2. We recommend the development of a comprehensive National Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy and Strengthening legal frameworks to protect the environment and ensure climate justice; We further call for international cooperation to enable access to climate finance and technology transfer for The Gambia and other climate vulnerable nations in this regard.

**We wish the Gambia a successful review cycle.**