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**Statement of Lebanon during the 48th session of the UPR Working Group**

**THE GAMBIA**

**Geneva, 21/1/2025 between 9.00 and 12.30**

Mr. President,

Lebanon welcomes the delegation of the Gambia and thanks them for their national report and introductory remarks.

Lebanon notes with interest the progress achieved since the UPR 3rd cycle and takes note of the decision taken by relevant authorities, to impose a Moratorium on death penalty.

In a constructive spirit, Lebanon would like to recommend the Gambia:

1. To continue efforts to combat torture, including through ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT);

2. To enhance all ways for women to access justice, education and decent work, and to protect them from all forms of violence, including Female Genital Mutilations;

3. To intensify efforts in fighting corruption, through the creation of relevant Information and National Commissions.

In conclusion, Lebanon wishes the Gambia all success in this review.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**(1 minute speaking time, 2/118 speaker)**