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**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS & PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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**STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE GAMBIA**

**21 JANUARY 2025– 09 00 hrs**

**Time Allocated: 1 min**

**Chair**,

The Mauritius delegation extends a very warm welcome to the high level delegation of The Gambia, attending this fourth cycle of the UPR. We welcome the progress made by The Gambia since its last review.

Mauritius commends The Gambia for strengthening its legislative and institutional framework which prohibit withdrawing girls from school for marriage, thus ensuring equal access for women and girls to educational opportunities.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to recommend that The Gambia:

1. Consider ratifying the ILO Convention C 190 on Violence and Harassment; and
2. Consider ratifying the UNESCO Convention Against Discrimination in Education.

We wish The Gambia a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**