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Mister President,

My delegation would like to welcome the delegation of The Gambia and thanks them for presenting their national report, which illustrates the efforts made by the government to meet its international human rights commitments.

My delegation welcomes the establishment of the Gambian National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in 2017 in compliance with the Paris Principles as a crucial step in promoting and protecting human rights in the country.

We also commend the continuous review of domestic laws to ensure they align with international best practices.

Aware of all efforts already made, and in a constructive spirit, Morocco would like to make the following 2 recommendations:

1. Enact a mental health legislation ;
2. Undertake inclusive national consultations to establish a National Mechanism for Implementation, Reporting and Follow-up, taking into consideration the Marrakech Guidance Framework as a reference guide, to collate, coordinate, and track domestic progress on the implementation of recommendations from all international human rights mechanisms.

We wish to the delegation of The Gambia full success in this UPR.

Thank you, Mister President.