**Draft Statement of the Republic of Korea**

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**Review of Gambia**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

As a country that led the Peace Building Commission (PBC)’s efforts on the peaceful transitions of the Gambia as Chair of the Commission in 2017, we are pleased to witness the progress made in achieving peace, democracy and the rule of law.

We recognize the preparatory work for the new Constitution and the publication of the first report of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC). We also commend its monumental decision to uphold the ban on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The Republic of Korea recommends the following

1. Accelerate the implementation of reparation programs for all victims of human rights violations, as recommended by the TRRC,
2. Continue legislative and educational efforts to eradicate harmful practices such as FGM and early or forced marriage,
3. Take further steps to ensure the rights to freedom of expression and access to information in close consultation with civil society groups.

We wish the Gambia’s successful review.

I thank you.