**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE GAMBIA AT THE 48TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 21 JANUARY 2025**

Mr Vice President,

 Singapore welcomes the participation of The Gambia in the UPR process, as well as the progress it has made since its 3rd review.

Singapore commends The Gambia’s efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, prioritising their right to education and introducing the Disability Policy 2022-2031. **Singapore recommends that The Gambia continue to enhance support for persons with disabilities, and ensure the prompt and full implementation of its Disability Policy.**

We further welcome the steps taken by The Gambia to address violence against women and girls and to reduce the school dropout rates for girls. **Singapore recommends that The Gambia continue to promote gender equality, including through ensuring equal access to education and enhancing support for women entrepreneurs.**

We wish The Gambia a successful review. I thank you.

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