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**Review of the Republic of the Gambia**

**South Sudan Statement**

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**Ambassador & Permanent Representative**

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**Thank You Mr. President,**

South Sudan welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of the Gambia to the fourth UPR cycle.

We commend the Gambia for its commitment to implementing international human rights conventions into domestic laws by ratifying all nine core UN human rights treaties and key Optional Protocols, and for its engagement with regional and international human rights bodies.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, South Sudan recommends the following for the Gambia:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against women.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
3. Create an enabling environment for the engagement of women human rights defenders and civil society in the promotion and protection of women’s rights.

We wish the Gambia success in this UPR review.

**Thank you, Mr. President**