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**State Under Review: The Gambia**

**Statement by Türkiye**

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**(60 seconds)**

Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of The Gambia and thank them for their presentation.

We commend the Government of The Gambia for their efforts and achievements since the last review including The Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (TRRC) and the Constitutional Review Commission (CRC).

We are also pleased with the concrete and inclusive steps taken in the new constitution making process.

We note with satisfaction the commitment of The Gambia to consolidate democracy and promote human rights, including the decision of the National Assembly to reject the Women's Amendment Bill, which decriminalises FGM, and to retain the Women (Amendment) Act 2015, and the work of the National Commission on Human Rights (CNDH).

We welcome the decision to establish a Special Tribunal, which will hold perpetrators of human rights violations under the previous regime to account.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend The Gambia to maintain its efforts to implement Recovery Focused National Development Plan 2023-2027*.*

We wish the delegation of Gambia every success in implementing the recommendations made during this review.

I thank you.