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**48th session of Working Group on Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of The Gambia**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

 *(Speaking time: 1 min)*

**Mr Vice President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of the Republic of The Gambia and thanks for the presentation of its national report.

We commend progress made by the Government of The Gambia in addressing the recommendations from the previous review. We positively note the efforts of The Gambia to enhance mechanisms for promotion and protection of human rights, particularly by ratifying of numerous core UN human rights treaties and key optional protocols.

We encourage The Gambia to continue its further work and would like to **recommend**:

* to strengthen the measures to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls;
* to redouble the ongoing efforts to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture;
* to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communication Procedure.

We wish the Republic of The Gambia a successful review.

**I thank you.**