

**ZAMBIA’S STATEMENT DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF GAMBIA**

**21st JANUARY 2025**

**Mr. President,**

Zambia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Gambia to the Fourth cycle of the UPR. We thank them for the presentation of their national report and update.

We applaud Gambia for the progress made since its last review, including the enactment of the Labour Act 2023 and the National Social Protection Act of 2024.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, Zambia wishes to recommend the following for consideration by the delegation of Gambia:

1. Ensure that the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission takes measures to provide equitable reparations to victims and protect victims from reprisals;
2. Amend sections 27 and 33 (5) of the Constitution and section 45 of the Women’s Act to include a guarantee of women’s equal rights in marriage, family relations and their dissolution, inheritance, child maintenance and custody;
3. Intensify efforts to detect, investigate, prosecute and convict the perpetrators of the sale and exploitation of children.

We wish Gambia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.