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**RECOMMENDATIONS DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE 48TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATE REPORT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN - FRIDAY, 24TH JANUARY 2025 - MORNING**

**Thank you, Mr. President**,

The Gambia warmly welcomes the delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran and expresses appreciation for their engagement with the Human Rights Council today.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, The Gambia commends Iran for its impressive progress in bridging the gender gap in primary and secondary education, and expanding healthcare coverage.

To support continued progress, The Gambia offers the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICPPED).
2. Ensure the independence of the judiciary by guaranteeing it operates free from all forms of interference.
3. Strengthen legal protections for women and girls by implementing comprehensive measures to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

My delegation wishes the distinguished delegation from Iran a successful review.

**Thank you.**