STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE **UPR REPORT OF BAHRAIN** AT THE 41ST SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

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**Thank you Mr President,**

The Gambia extends a very warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Bahrain and thanks them for their presentation on the human rights situation in Bahrain.

We wish to commend Bahrain’s efforts in addressing the Covid-19 Pandemic and for their efforts in getting 84 percent of the total population vaccinated.

**Mr President,**

While recognising the efforts and commitments being made by the government of Bahrain, The Gambia would like to make the following recommendations to the delegation of Bahrain;

1. That Bahrain supports and strengthens the independence of its National Human Rights Institution to ensure compliance with the Paris Principles
2. That Bahrain put in place and strengthen mechanisms combating and preventing discrimination against girls, children with disabilities, children born to foreign or stateless fathers and other vulnerable children from minority groups to avoid marginalisation.
3. That Bahrain strengthens its efforts to combat, prevent, eradicate and punish practices of human trafficking and forced labour against all persons.
4. That Bahrain ensures the inclusion of children with disabilities in mainstream schools and to continue to give priority to measures facilitating their full inclusion

**Mr President,**

In conclusion, The Gambia wishes the distinguished delegation of Bahrain a successful review and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.