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

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**Thank you Mr President**,

The Republic of The Gambia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Ecuador to this 41st Session of the UPR Mechanism and thank them for the constructive presentation of the human rights situation in Ecuador before the Council.

The Gambia takes note and welcome Ecuador’s comprehensive social protection system that offers special protection to persons with disabilities and for also formulating Agenda 2021-2025 to guide public and private efforts relating to persons with disability.

**Mr President,**

While recognising the efforts and commitments being made by the government of Ecuador, The Gambia would like to recommend to Ecuador to strengthen measures to combat all forms of gender-based violence especially against women and children.

In conclusion Mr President, we wish the distinguished delegation of Ecuador a successful review and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you .