STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE **UPR REPORT OF MOROCCO** 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 the Kingdom of Morocco and thank them for their continued and constructive engagement with the UPR mechanism.

The Gambia wish to commend Morocco for the formulation and adoption of the New Model for Development with key objectives towards doubling the per capita gross domestic product of its people by 2035 and to increase the female labour participation rate to 45 percent.

Moreover, Mr President, we commend Morocco for its commitment towards the continuous action to protect children from diverse forms of neglect, violence and exploitation through its implementation of the public policy for child protection 2015-2025.

Furthermore, we equally note and welcome the measures put in place by the Kingdom of Morocco to promote and advance the rights of persons with disabilities.

**In the spirit of cooperation, we wish to recommend that the Kingdom of Morocco in line with the recommendation made by the Committee on the Rights of Person with Disabilities adopt a plan at the national level and regional levels to develop community support services in urban and rural areas for families of children with disabilities.**

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

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