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

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**Thank you Mr Vice President**,

The Republic of The Gambia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Finland and thank them for their continued and constructive engagement with the UPR mechanism.

**Mr Vice President,**

The Gambia takes note of and welcomes the government of Finland’s move to draw up an Action Plan for the implementation of the Istanbul Convention for 2018-2021 and for 2022-2025 as a means to put in mechanisms to end domestic violence and gender based violence especially against women.

**Mr Vice President,**

Whilst recognising the efforts of the government of Finland towards the protection of persons with disabilities, The Gambia recommends that Finland ensures in law and in practice that workers with disabilities enjoy the right to just and favourable conditions of work on equal basis with others.

In conclusion Mr Vice President, my delegation wishes the distinguished delegation of Finland a successful review and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you