STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE **UPR REPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND** AT THE 41ST SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

7-18 NOVEMBER 2022

**Thank you Mr President,**

The Republic of The Gambia welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and express our appreciation for their continued and constructive engagement with the UPR mechanism.

**Mr President,**

We applaud the Government of the United Kingdom for placing the promotion and protection of human rights at the centre of its domestic and foreign policy.

**Mr. President,**

The national report presented today notes the UK’s firm commitment to eradicating domestic violence through ratification of the Istanbul Convention, which represents a strong commitment to combating violence against women and girls.

Similarly, we recognize and applaud the UK ggovernment’s committment to supporting people with disabilities and health conditions by helping them into employment and providing funding to continue programmes that help people with disabilities enter or remain in the labor market.

**Mr President**

In a spirit of constructive dialogue and cooperation and in line with the recommendations from the CEDAW Committee and Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That the United Kingdom adopt inclusive and accessible measures to facilitate access for women and girls to education, employment, health-care services and support services in rural areas
2. That the United Kingdom incorporate the human rights model of disability into all laws and regulations concerning children and young people with disabilities and strengthen measures to prevent bullying and hate speech against children with disabilities.

**Mr President,**

We thank the delegation of the United Kingdom and wish them a successful review.

Thank you.