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

7-18 NOVEMBER 2022

**Thank you Mr President**,

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

**Mr President,** The Gambia welcomes and takes note that the Constitution of India guarantees free and compulsory education of all children between the ages of six to fourteen as a fundamental right.

We equally take note and welcomes India’s efforts towards ensuring that persons with disabilities are better protected to promote more inclusivity.

Mr President, whilst recognising the efforts being put in place by the government of India towards child protection, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations.

1. For India to strengthen its laws and implementation structures at all levels to eradicate all forms of child labour, child trafficking and domestic violence against children
2. For India to ensure that the justice system is responsive to women with disabilities and guarantees their right to privacy and safety.

With these points, I wish the distinguished delegation of India a successful review and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you Mr President