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

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**Thank you Mr President,**

The Republic of The Gambia is pleased to serve as a Troika member to prepare the concluding recommendations for Netherlands and welcomes the distinguished delegation of Netherlands and congratulates them on their continued and constructive engagement with the UPR process.

**Mr. President,**

The Gambia recognises that the Netherlands has assisted developing countries in addressing the root causes of poverty, migration, terrorism and climate change and we applaud the government for this and for placing the promotion and protection of human rights at the centre of its domestic and foreign policies.

**Mr President,**

The national report presented points to the Netherlands firm commitment to eradicating domestic violence through the creation of the ” **Violence Has No Place in the Home’’** program in 2018, and we applaud them for that.

While recognising the efforts of the Kingdom of Netherlands, we would like to make the following recommendation:

1. **That Netherlands pursue efforts aimed at strengthening the protection of all people from racial discrimination by adopting a definition of racial discrimination that encompasses its human rights obligations**.
2. **To ratify the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families**

**Mr President,**

We thank the delegation of the Netherlands and wish them a successful review and fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.