**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE UPR REPORT OF ARGENTINA AT THE 42ND SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**23 JANUARY-3 FEBRUARY 2023**

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**Thank you Mr President,**

**The Gambia warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Argentina and thank them for their continued and constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.**

**We wish to commend Argentina’s efforts in addressing issues of gender and gender-based violence and equally note the establishment of the Integrated System for Cases of Gender-based Violence under the National Action Plan for Combating Gender- Based Violence 2020–2022.**

**Mr President,**

**The Gambia would like to make the following recommendations to the delegation of Argentina;**

**1. That Argentina put in place a formal policy with a human rights-based approach to address the current cases of women reported missing by creating a database of disappeared persons and designing specific search strategies.**

**2. That Argentina address the living conditions and violence children in alternative care centers face with special attention paid to girls and children with disabilities.**

**Mr President,**

**In conclusion, The Gambia wishes the distinguished delegation of Argentina a successful review and fruitful deliberations.**

**Thank you.**