**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA DURING THE REVIEW OF THE UPR REPORT OF FRANCE AT THE 43RD SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP- 1 MAY-12 MAY 2023**

**Monday 1 May, 09:00 - 12:30**

**Thank you Mr President,**

The Gambia welcomes the distinguished delegation of France and thanks them for their continued and constructive engagement with the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.

**Mr President,**

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

1. to ensure that legislation on the protection of children is inclusive of children with disabilities.

2. to adopt measures to increase the visibility and participation of persons with disabilities in public life.

3. Additionally, implement measures guaranteeing equal access to education for all children, including those of migrants and asylum seekers.

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**