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

**Tuesday 2 May, 09:00 - 12:30**

**Thank you Mr Vice President,**

The Gambia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Romania 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 Romania;

1. to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance
2. to strengthen existing legislation and efforts to prevent and eradicate trafficking in persons
3. to strengthen measures aimed at eliminating the economic exploitation of children, such as child labour, begging and sexual exploitation, and sanction those responsible for such exploitation.

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**