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

**Tuesday 2 May, 14:30 - 18:00**

**Thank you Mr President,**

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

We wish to commend Mali’s efforts in aligning its national legislation with human rights standards for the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

**Mr President,**

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

1. to put up measures improving the standard of care provided to women throughout pregnancy and during childbirth in primary healthcare facilities
2. to consider adopting a law to combat gender-based violence including female genital mutilation and child marriage
3. to put in place inclusive measures ensuring that children with disabilities were integrated into the mainstream education system

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**