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

**Wednesday 3 May, 09:00 - 12:30**

**Thank you, Mr Vice President,**

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

We wish to commend Botswana’s efforts in promoting and protecting human rights including the rights of women and children.

**Mr Vice President,**

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

1. to consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

2. to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,

3. and Furthermore, to equally consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Mr Vice President,**

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

**Thank you.**