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

**Wednesday 03 May 2023, 14:30 – 18:00**

**Thank you Mr President,**

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

We wish to commend Bahama’s efforts in addressing issues relating to gender-based violence, especially against women and children and equally note their efforts to enforce the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Mr President,**

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

1. to implement legislation to promote women's economic independence, offer benefits for unpaid female labor, and enforce protections against workplace harassment and violence against women.

2. to take up measures to develop an inclusive education strategy for all children including those with disabilities

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**