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

**Friday 5 May, 09:00 - 12:30**

**Thank you Mr Vice President,**

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

We wish to commend Barbados’s efforts in addressing issues relating to trafficking in persons by developing and approving a National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking 2021-2023.

**Mr Vice President,**

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

1. to implement legislation protecting migrant children and children with disabilities from all forms of discrimination

2. to take the necessary measures to ensure the effective implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Prevention Act 2016

3. to take the necessary measures to harmonize the definition of the child in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

**Mr Vice President,**

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

**Thank you.**