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

**Monday 8 May, 14:30 - 18:00**

**Thank you, Mr Vice President,**

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

We wish to recognize the UAE’s efforts in promoting and guaranteeing the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms for its people.

**Mr Vice President,**

The Gambia would like to make the following ***recommendations*** to the delegation of the United Arab Emirates;

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 protecting women and children from gender-based violence
3. to consider addressing issues of equality and non-discrimination in access to education, especially for children of migrant workers.

**Mr Vice President,**

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

**Thank you.**