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

**Tuesday 9 May, 09:00 - 12:30**

**Thank you Mr President,**

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

**Mr President,**

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

1. to consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

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

3. that Israel puts an end to the practice of arbitrary arrest and detention, including administrative detention, of Palestinians, in particular children

**Mr President,**

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

**Thank you.**