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

**Wednesday 10 May, 09:00 - 12:30**

**Thank you, Mr Vice President,**

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

**Mr Vice President,**

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

1. to consider ratifying the UN Convention for Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
2. To strengthen existing legislation and develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence against women and children and persons with disability

**Mr Vice President,**

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

**Thank you.**