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**34th session of the UPR Working group**

**Consideration of the UPR Report of the Gambia**

**Statement by Pakistan**

(Tuesday November 5, 2019)

Mr. President,

Pakistan warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Gambia. We commend them for a comprehensive presentation of their national report.

Pakistan commends Gambia for taking measures to improve women’s status in the political, economic and social life of the country and welcome the establishment of a Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Welfare in January 2019. We also note with appreciation Gambia’s commitment to the welfare and well-being of its people.

Pakistan recommends the Government of the Gambia to:

1. Continue its efforts to promote gender equality and empowerment of women and girls for sustained socio-economic development
2. Continue its efforts to promote and safeguard the right to education for all

We wish Gambia a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.