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Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of The Gambia and thanks them for their informative national report and continued cooperation with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism.

Seychelles positively notes the significant steps taken by The Gambia since its last UPR cycle, including: the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution; becoming a party to core UN Human Rights instruments; reviewing key pieces of legislation and undertaking policy reforms; as well as working constructively with the UN’s human rights mechanisms, such as the Special Procedures mechanism.

In encouraging The Gambia’s continued progress towards the promotion and protection of human rights, Seychelles offers the following recommendations:

* Firstly, to speedily enact the ‘Disability Bill’ and allocate sufficient funds for its effective implementation to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all spheres;
* Secondly, in commending The Gambia’s ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, we recommend legislation be enacted to implement the Convention effectively.

We wish The Gambia a fruitful review ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.