**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Republic of the Gambia to the 3rd cycle of UPR.

We welcome the implementation of The Gambia National Development Plan (2018-2021) in its efforts towards sustainable and inclusive economic growth, poverty reduction and the wellbeing of all Gambians. We also note the efforts of the Gambia for empowerment of women.

Nepal appreciates the ratification of Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as well as the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR. We note with appreciation the efforts of the Gambia towards the abolition of death penalty.

Nepal recommends the Gambia the following:

1. Take necessary measures to strengthen functioning of the National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the Paris Principles.
2. Continue to enhance measures to prevent violence against women and domestic violence.
3. Strengthen and accelerate mechanisms aiming at eradicating the harmful practice of female genital mutilation (FGM).

We wish the Gambia a successful review.

Thank you.