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Gambia

Addendum

**Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments
and replies presented by the State under review**

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1. The Gambia was reviewed by the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, at its forty-eighth session in January 2025 and received 309 recommendations, of which 249 recommendations were immediately supported and 22 recommendations were noted, and the Gambia undertook to communicate its responses to the remaining 38 recommendations before the fifty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council. The Gambia is now pleased to communicate its position on these 38 recommendation, which appear below.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Position</i>
55.1	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Liechtenstein);	Supported
55.2	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Togo);	Supported
55.3	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Denmark);	Supported
55.4	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Armenia) (Chile) (Côte d'Ivoire) (France) (Madagascar) (South Africa) (Switzerland);	Supported
55.5	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Estonia);	Supported
55.6	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and establish the National Preventive Mechanism in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol (Czechia);	Supported
55.7	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Romania);	Supported
55.8	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Ukraine);	Supported
55.9	Continue efforts to combat torture, including through ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Lebanon);	Supported
55.10	Ratify the core optional protocols to which the Gambia is not yet a party, in particular, the Optional Protocol on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communication procedure (Namibia);	Noted
55.11	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Chad);	Supported
55.12	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Cyprus);	Supported
55.13	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (South Sudan);	Supported
55.14	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Côte d'Ivoire) (Ghana) (Sierra Leone);	Supported
55.15	Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Rwanda);	Supported

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55.16	Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Nepal);	Supported
55.17	Conclude the ratification of Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Democratic Republic of the Congo);	Supported
55.18	Consider accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Colombia);	Supported
55.19	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Ukraine);	Supported
55.20	Ratify and the Optional Protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, and declare its recognition of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to receive and consider communications (South Africa);	Supported
55.21	Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Rwanda);	Supported
55.22	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (South Africa);	Noted
55.23	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (South Sudan);	Noted
55.24	Consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Rwanda);	Noted
55.25	Consider completing the ratification process of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Senegal);	Supported
55.26	Continue its commendable efforts in implementing international human rights conventions by ratifying all human rights treaties and key optional protocols (State of Palestine);	Noted
55.27	Continue collaboration in the implementation of the initiative to establish a hybrid court (Kingdom of the Netherlands);	Supported
55.28	Consider the creation of a special criminal responsibility court to carry out criminal investigations and prosecutions in accordance with the recommendation made by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (Colombia);	Supported
55.29	Continue to provide the necessary support to remove obstacles to the implementation of the recommendations of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission (Kuwait)	Supported
55.30	Harmonize the national legal framework on freedom of expression with international human rights norms and standards, eliminating laws that criminalize sedition, fake news, and defamation (Mexico);	Noted
55.31	Repeal or amend laws that restrict the right to freedom of expression online and offline, in accordance with international obligations (Switzerland);	Noted
55.32	Repeal legislation that restricts freedoms of speech and expression, including sections 51, 52, 59 and 181A of the Criminal Code (Denmark);	Noted

<i>No.</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Position</i>
55.33	Protect media freedom and uphold the right to freedom of expression, including by amending or repealing sections 51, 52, 59 and 181A of the Criminal Code (Australia);	Noted
55.34	Guarantee freedom of expression by completing the legislative reform process in accordance with the review conducted by the National Media Law Review Committee (Chile);	Noted
55.35	Before the next election, address the main recommendations of the European Union Election Observation Mission in order to enhance the legitimacy and credibility of the electoral process (Slovakia);	Noted
55.36	Strengthen the legal framework and policies to guarantee equal rights of men and women in marriage (Uganda);	Noted
55.37	Allocate at least 4 to 6 percent of gross domestic product for education (Mali);	Noted
55.38	Take legal measures to prohibit corporal punishment in schools regardless of the circumstances (Gabon).	Noted

2. The Gambia confirms that of the 309 recommendations received, 273 recommendations have been supported, and 36 recommendations have been noted.