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Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Republic of The Gambia, I am honoured to address this Assembly on the strategy for integrating gender analysis and action into the work of WHO. The Gambia aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the WHO African Region (To be review in regional statement assigned to The Gambia, Mauritius Equatorial Guinea and to be deliver by Gambia)

The Gambia integrates gender analysis into its national health strategies in line with the WHO mandate to mainstream gender in health policies, as outlined in the National Gender Policy (2020–2025) and the forthcoming National Gender and Women’s Empowerment Policy (2025–2034). This approach prioritizes the use of sex-disaggregated data, addresses gender-based violence (GBV), improves maternal and reproductive health outcomes, and promotes gender equality in public sector leadership.

Key elements of The Gambia’s gender integration strategy include strengthening national gender frameworks, advancing sexual and reproductive health, reducing GBV, and increasing women’s participation in health leadership. Through close collaboration with WHO, the Ministry of Health analyses and applies sex-disaggregated data to monitor and address gender disparities in health outcomes.

Capacity-building and accountability measures, including staff training and sensitization, ensure that gender perspectives are incorporated at all levels of health service delivery. Furthermore, the launch of the Gender Equality Seal for public institutions strengthens governance and accountability for gender equality.

The Gambia is pursuing a comprehensive, multisectoral approach that embeds gender equity across health, education, and governance to achieve inclusive and sustainable development.

Thank you.