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THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

ON THE OCCASION OF THE
NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS
SESSION AND DEVEL

Madam Chair

First of all, I would like to congratulate you and the rest of the bureau on your

aligns itself with South Africa and Niger's statements on behalf of the African Group

Madam Chair,

Regarding girls' education and women empowerment for productivity, the Gambia through the ministries of Basic and Secondary Education and the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology ensure the enrolment and retention

of girls in schools which has the ability to control early marriage and fertility. For example, Gross enrolment rate for girls at the lower basic and upper basic school

stands at 98 % and 60% respectively, while completion rate at the same levels of education stands at 73% and 63% respectively. In addition, the Gambia government

unwanted pregnancies, abortions and sexual transmitted infections including HIV and Aids are all challenges the country continues to face. Increasing population

density of 127 persons per square kilometre in 2003 to 174 persons per square

population issues in to sustainable development. We therefore call on all developing