

After a thorough review of the report, it is evident that the substance report is a depiction of what transpired during the meetings had with the various institutions mentioned therein.

In light of this, the only areas of concern for the Ministry and for which we seek your esteem office to take note of and rectify, are what is contained in the following pages and paragraphs:

Page 7, Paragraph 7 (Please note that the population of The Gambia as contained in the 2013 National Population Census is 1,857,181 and not 2,009000 as reflected in the report)

Page 9 African Legal Instruments (please be informed that the Gambia has signed the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance in 2008 and ratified same on the 11th day of July 2018.- copy of the instrument of ratification herein attached)

Page 17 Paragraph 44 (Please be informed that the full name of Justice Mbai is Edirissa Mbai)

Page 23 Paragraph 79 (please be informed that the full name of the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education at the time was Mr Muhammed Jallow)

Page 37 Paragraph 158 (kindly be informed that in relation to the Cameroonian National, Mayumbel Samuel Joe, he has since been released by an order of the Court of Appeal after a successful appeal in 2018.

With regards to the planned processes to be initiated under the transitional justice process as highlighted by the Honourable Attorney General and Minister of Justice as contained in Paragraphs 21 to 26 of the report, We kindly refer you to the Statement of the Hon. Minister delivered on the 2nd of May 2019 during the presentation of the Gambia's Combined State Reports to the ACHPR, in Sham El Shiekh, Arab Republic of Egypt. for updates on the implementation progress. (Statement herein attached).

Furthermore, we wish to inform you that tremendous efforts have made in addressing some of the concerns as highlighted in the report most especially as it relates to the issue of prison overcrowding at the Mile II Central Prison. (for more information on the progresses made, reference is invited to our Combined State Periodic Reports under the ACHPR and the Maputo Protocol submitted and discussed upon in May 2019).