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PBF's support, we continue to witness good governance that is built on the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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Political stability, pluralism and participatory democracy have become the order of the day in our new democratic dispensation

wrongs committed by the state apparatus are ongoing with keen public interest including active victim participation in the proceedings. It is our hope that the PBF will continue to support the TRRC in the discharge of its mandate and providing support to the victims of human rights abuses of the past government. The victims will continue to need psychosocial support and care. Managing the expectations of victims in terms of reparations is a matter that must be urgently addressed as well as providing them with critical medical and healthcare support. The support of the PBF could make a critical difference in this regard. How to address the case of perpetrators of heinous human rights violations with a view to addressing impunity should be part of a long-term strategy and mechanisms beyond the TRRC's lifespan.

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In the area of rule of law, the Constitutional Review Commission (CRC) produced a draft constitution following nation-wide consultations through a participatory approach, which included Gambians in diaspora. The vibrant participatory governance that we enjoy today characterizes our national discourse on what we agree or disagree on in our Parliament and that is why it is possible for the draft constitution at its second reading was stalled in the Parliament after witnessing a healthy national debate.

The Government is still conducting further consultations to address some concerns before a final legislative process is resumed. We are grateful to the PBF for the ongoing support in the evolution of this critical exercise, which we hope, will usher in an enduring era of good governance with an empowered citizenry.

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For the first time, we have a National Human Rights Commission that is now functional, and the Government is now meeting its reporting obligations under various human rights instruments and treaties. All of this was possible because of the support provided by the PBF. These are the kinds of institutions that will not only contribute to the consolidation of peace but also instill a culture of respect for human rights for our people and institutions. Capacity constraints are there but the Government is committed to restoring the country's image as a bastion of human rights.

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Concerning the impending Security Sector Reform, which has been steadily progressing considering its sensitive nature, the Government has

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We are a country in transition with huge needs for reform but hampered by serious capacity constraints. We are trying to reform our civil service so that it can deliver services that meet the expectations of our people. We are also strengthening the judiciary so that it can strengthen its independence and deliver swift and true justice. We are trying to fight corruption through the establishment of an Anti-