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**EXECUTIVE PRESIDENTS OF GAMBIAN ASSOCIATIONS
BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY,
CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, SLOVAKIA**

**GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS – MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY & SUPPORT TO THE
GAMBIAN DIASPORA DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

As the world today is grappling with a global health crisis, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, I wish to seize this opportunity to extend on behalf of The Government of The Gambia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad as well as the entire Diplomatic Staff of the Embassy of The Gambia in Belgium and Mission to the European Communities and indeed on my own behalf, a strong message of solidarity and support to The Gambian Diaspora in the Kingdom of Belgium, The Netherlands, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Federal Republic of Germany, Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia.

As many of your host countries have gone under some form of lockdown or quarantine, and national & EU guidelines and regulations have been set to help contain and reduce the spread of the virus, I urge you all to abide by these guidelines for the greater good of all.



I am aware that these difficult times will also present equally daunting socio-economic, physical and psychological challenges for you and your families. I therefore urge you all to stay at home as much as possible and keep your families safe. Gambians engaged in sectors of the economy that are still continuing operations are highly encouraged to make use of protective gears and observe social distancing guidelines as much as possible. For the physical and mental health of yourselves and your families, engaging in some form of physical activity during periods of confinement has been highly recommended. We salute those of you that work in frontline sectors and services who have to bravely go to work in order to keep us all safe and healthy. I however advise that in extending such important services you also take great care of your personal health and well-being and follow laid down guidelines and procedures.

The Embassy remains available to the Gambian Diaspora for any advice, assistance and consular related issues and can be contacted through info@gambiaembassybrussels.be. The website of the Embassy would also feature relevant information about your host countries and the situation in The Gambia.

The Gambian associations are also encouraged to keep the Embassy informed of developments within their associations as it affects the welfare of Gambians under the jurisdiction of the Gambia Embassy in Brussels.

Whilst I pray that we overcome this health crisis together as a global community, and that every Gambian in the Diaspora is safe and healthy, please be assured of my highest consideration and esteem.



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Ambassador

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