

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of The Gambia (Att. Protocol)

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Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Frontex, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, I would like to present my compliments to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia. Frontex highly values the cooperation of the Republic of The Gambia in the field of migration and recognises the commitment of your Government to cooperate with the European Union in combatting irregular migration.



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The aim of this Workshop is to enhance the understanding of the Gambian authorities involved in the reception of return operations by the EU on the handover procedure of returnees



The Workshop on the handover procedure is planned to take place on 14-16 January 2020 in Banjul (Training School of GID).

To this end, I would like to kindly invite your respective authority to appoint a maximum number of 20 officials for participation in this activity. The appointed participants should be operational as well as mid-management staff from relevant ministries and departments involved in the reception of return flights at Banjul Airport (for example Gambia Immigration Department, Aviation Security, the Police Intervention Unit and other relevant entities).

All born costs of this activity will be covered by Frontex. The draft agenda is attached in this letter (Annex 1).

In the event this invitation reaches your consent, we kindly request your response along with the names of the appointed officials who will participate in the workshop, **not later than 6 January 2020** in order to allow us a sound management of the activity.

Should you need further clarifications, please address the Frontex contact person responsible for the organisation of this event,



I seize this opportunity to renew to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia the assurances of my highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,

Head of European Centile for Returns