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I, Sheikh Omar Faye, Ambassador of The Republic of The Gambia to The United States of America call upon His Excellency Sheikh Professor Alhaji Dr. Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh Babili Mansa to stay true and committed to the amiable and democratic stance he took after the December 1, 2016 election results were communicated to Gambians and the world at large. Nations around the world, especially Africans were so proud of the political maturity of His Excellency President Jammeh when on December 2, 2016 he gracefully accepted the verdict of The Gambian people and the Will of Allah.

Unfortunately, on December 9, 2016 His Excellency President Jammeh reversed his decision and called for fresh elections, which has created a serious post-elections crisis and put The Gambia on a dangerous path. For the preservation of peace and stability, which Gambia is known for, it is imperative that all Gambians cohesively move in one direction and speak in one voice.

As a servant of The Gambia, I find it morally difficult to remain silent while Gambians are in fear and uncertainty. My duty as a diplomat is to promote the interests of The Gambia and her people. I have always pushed for the interests of our people and vehemently stayed on course to help build a solid and healthy bilateral relationship between The Gambia and The United States.

As the Ambassador of The Republic of The Gambia to The United States of America, I respectfully ask His Excellency President Jammeh to accept the will of Gambians and hand over the presidency to President Elect Adama Barrow as stipulated in the Gambian Constitution.

I am supporting the people of The Gambia by recognizing Mr. Adama Barrow as The President Elect of The Gambia out of my personal decision and desire to protect and safeguard the peace and social cohesion of our beloved country. I am not by any means speaking out of personal interests, but extremely worried about the peace and stability of The Gambia.

I have not talked to any member of the Coalition before, during or after the elections nor have I informed them of my decision. Out of my own will and deep care for The Gambia and her people, I am making this statement as a patriotic citizen of The Gambia with the hope that it will contribute to the efforts towards a peaceful resolution of the current situation.

May God, The Almighty Continue to Guide, Protect, and Help our beloved country.

Sheikh Omar Faye



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