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**STATEMENT** 

Excellencies Distinguished Heads of State and Government,

Mr. Secretary-General,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to be part of this meeting of Heads of State

Sustainable Development in the Era of COVIDintervention. COVID-19 pandemic is no doubt one of the major development challenges of our
times. Apart from significant number of lives lost, disruptions to access to education and elevated
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In The Gambia, we continue to reiterate the call for enhanced access to global finance as liquidity at the domestic level has already become a challenge for most developing countries. The role