

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM HONOURABLE MAMBURY NJIE,
MINISTER OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE GAMBIA & PRESIDENT OF THE ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

On this auspicious occasion of the coming into force of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), previously, ACP Group of States, I am deeply honored to extend, in my capacity as President of the Council of Ministers and on behalf of the Government and People of The Republic of The Gambia, my most sincere felicitations to the Seventy Nine (79) Member States of the OACPS.

We are witnessing yet another historical turning point in the life of our organization. One that solidifies our resolve to strengthen the bonds of friendship, South – South Cooperation and collaboration for the socio – economic development of our countries and our transcontinental group as a whole.

Last December, at the 110th Session of the ACP Council of Ministers in Nairobi, Kenya, my fellow Ministers approved the Revised Georgetown Agreement, which was subsequently endorsed by the 9th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the ACP. The Nairobi meetings were a timely reminder that the commitments made by our countries in Georgetown in 1975 are ever so pertinent and that in today's globalized and inter-dependent world, our continued unity, solidarity and willingness to foster deeper cooperation within our Organization will be a determining factor for the success of our Organization.

Together the OACPS will be a force to be reckoned with!

The Gambia, is proud to be part of the OACPS and we look forward to working together, towards the achievement of the lofty aims of the new **Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States.**

