

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM HONOURABLE MAMBURY NJIE, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE GAMBIA AND PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (FEBRUARY – JULY 2020)**

The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) will this year celebrate the coming into effect of the Revised Georgetown Agreement and also, its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is quite an extraordinary moment for our organization.

Forty-five years ago, in Georgetown, Guyana, our forefathers signed the Agreement that brought the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States into being. On 5 April of this year, the Revised Georgetown Agreement came into force and the era of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States began. This first OACPS Day is therefore doubly significant. The title of this year's celebration, "OACPS 3.0: The Power to Change" is therefore reminiscent of this constant evolution as the OACPS continues to grow and enhance its ability to adapt to an ever changing global environment to serve the needs of its Member States.

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of The Gambia and on behalf of my ministerial colleagues in the Council of Ministers, I wish to congratulate the OACPS on this significant achievement and to extend my best wishes for a happy OACPS Day.