



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

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Chief Executive Officer
SEMLEX Europe SA
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RE: PRODUCTION OF THE GAMBIA NATIONAL BIOMETRIC ID CARDS

Please be informed that this Ministry is willing, in principle, to restore the June 2016 contract with Semlex Company subject to re-negotiations on certain terms of the contract that appear unconscionable including the percentage sharing. The Ministry will also want to explore with Semlex Company the possibility of expanding the contract to include the production of a combined ID and Voter's Card, and the duration of the contract in view of the delay in implementation.

That Semlex Company should indicate within 7 days of receipt of this correspondence your acceptance of these terms.

The Ministry would immediately contact the Independent Electoral Commission, the Immigration Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, and the Ministry of Justice to set up a technical Committee in preparation for negotiations with Semlex Company. The Technical Committee will review the June 2016 Contract in detail and make recommendations to the Minister of Interior on the terms of the Contract that ought to be renegotiated.

Submitted for your urgent consideration and response.

Yours Sincerely,

Bulli Dibba
Permanent Secretary

Cc: Secretary General, Office of the President. S